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[ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1884.]

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[ORGANIZED MAY 6, 1884.]

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“ “ “ . . .	*Jennie D. Smith, Plainfield.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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NEW YORK.

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 7, 1884.]

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NORTH DAKOTA.

[ORGANIZED APRIL 23, 1890.]

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Past Department President . . .	Sara E. B. Smith, Grand Forks.
“ “ “ . . .	Josephine Folsom, Fargo.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mattie S. Ehrman (at large), Fargo.	Georgianna Henry (at large), Valley City.
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OHIO.

[ORGANIZED JANUARY 20, 1884.]

Department President	*Anna Opdycke Carroll, Defiance.
Senior Vice-President	Margaret A. Beale, Marion.
Junior Vice-President	*Adelia E. Galligher, Urbana.
Secretary	*Anna M. Hague, Defiance.
Treasurer	*Anna M. Deatruck, Defiance.
Past Department President	*Sarah M. E. Battels, Akron.
“ “ “	*Isabelle T. Bagley, Zanesville.
“ “ “	*Mary E. Bancroft, Columbus.
“ “ “	*Elizabeth S. Herron, Wyoming.
“ “ “	Ada F. Clark, Canton.
“ “ “	*Mary A. McQuiston, Xenia.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Charlotte D. Davidson (at large), Xenia.	*Fannie J. Ebright (at large), Xenia.
*Nellie C. Bacon, Toledo.	*Zoe A. F. Long, Fremont.
Amanda Shorter, Montpelier.	Alice Sibley, Pioneer.
Martha M. Pierce, Forest.	*Marietta Moulton, Lima.
*Ella B. Woodward, Tippecanoe City.	Mary Deweese, Sidney.
*Sarah Y. Folger, Price Hill, Cincin.	*Mary Clark, Middletown.
*Samantha Yant, Fostoria.	*Ann C. McMeens, Sandusky.
*Anna Henry, La Rue.	Rachel Campbell, Galion.
*Mary I. Converse, Plain City.	Estelle Campbell, Bellefontaine.
Mary J. Hedges, Delaware.	Sarah J. Huston, Newark.
*Lizzie B. Miller, Wilmington.	Alta B. Gray, Jeffersonville.
*Louise M. Roland, Cleveland.	Addie Johnson, Cleveland.
Marie Metzgar, Wellington.	Anna Wilkins, La Grange.
*Eliza J. Clapp, Thompson.	*Pluma L. Cowles, Geneva.
*Harriet Musgrove, Cortland.	Frances Baird, Salem.
Clara E. Hardy, Whipple P. O.	Caroline McCollum, Urichsville.
*Mary W. Sample, Ironton.	Cora R. Poston, Nelsonville.
*Lucinda Chisnell, Akron.	Jennie Leach, Wooster.

OREGON.

[ORGANIZED JANUARY 28, 1885.]

Department President	*Mary J. Train, Albany.
Senior Vice-President	Agnes McElroy, Salem.
Junior Vice-President	Hulda Miller, Lebanon.
Secretary	Alzina Martin, Albany.
Treasurer	Eliza A. Woodin, Albany.

OREGON — *Concluded.*

Past Department President	. . .	Ida S. Babcock, Salem.
"	"	Eliza A. Caukin, Portland.
"	"	Nina M. Fry, Eugene City.
"	"	Sarah E. Miller, Albina.
"	"	Julia Abraham, Roseburg.
"	"	May H. Ellis, Dover, Illinois.
"	"	Fannie E. Lounsbury, Portland.

Delegates.

Ada S. Butterfield (at large),
Portland.
Celia Olmstead, Baker City.

Alternates.

Emma Byers (at large), Portland.
Ella Richardson, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 18, 1884.]

Department President	. . . . .	*Eva M. Evans, Lock Haven.
Senior Vice-President	. . . . .	*Hettie L. Bateman, Lykens.
Junior Vice-President	. . . . .	*Fannie Boyden, Susquehanna.
Secretary	. . . . .	†Abbie Lynch, Allegheny.
Treasurer	. . . . .	*Martha Sherman, Kendall Creek.
Past Department President	. . .	†Annie Wittenmyer, Sanatoga.
"	"	†Abbie Lynch, Allegheny.
"	"	*Jennie M. Reavely, Erie.
"	"	Helen S. Morrison, Smethport.
"	"	S. Maria Lennard, Wilkes Barre.
"	"	Emma S. Lindsey, Warren.

Delegates.

*Mary A. Wallace (at large),
Allegheny.
*Nan Y. Leslie, Avalon.
*Lizzie J. Hanger, Pittsburgh.
*Belle M. Allen, Wellsboro.
*Kate M. Scott, Brookville.
*Charlotte J. Cumings, Tidioute.
*Frances S. Bricker, Beaver Falls.
*Hannah T. James, Philadelphia.

Alternates.

Alice S. Hauck (at large),
Mechanicsburg.
Sade E. Shultz, Lock Haven.
Florence Jacoby, Northumberland.
Mary L. Scholl, Williamsport.
Mary J. White, Williamsport.
Mary L. Keedy, Johnstown.
Nellie C. Fleming, Renovo.
Sophie Miller, Pittsburgh.

POTOMAC.

[ORGANIZED JULY 23, 1890.]

Department President	. . . . .	*Ida V. Hendricks, Washington, D. C.
Senior Vice-President	. . . . .	*Susie M. McCabe, Washington, D. C.

POTOMAC — *Concluded.*

Junior Vice-President	*Margaret Petty, Anacostia, D. C.
Secretary	*Julia W. Mason, Washington, D. C.
Treasurer	*Georgia G. Bain, Washington, D.C.
Past Department President	*Joanna W. Turner,

Washington, D. C.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Amelia F. Colgan (at large),
Hampton, Va.

Lydia A. Barnes (at large),
Washington, D. C.

RHODE ISLAND.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 6, 1888.]

Department President	*Emily L. Sibley, Pawtucket.
Senior Vice-President	*Celia A. Kinyon, Providence.
Junior Vice-President	Emily A. Hunter, E. Providence.
Secretary	*Julia P. Nason, Providence.
Treasurer	Ada F. Fisk, Valley Falls.
Past Department President	*Sara C. Mason, Pawtucket.
“ “ “	Mary French, Pawtucket.
“ “ “	Sadie S. Morton, Providence.
“ “ “	†Mary M. Brown, E. Providence.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Emma A. Rhodes (at large),
Providence.

Hattie Ford (at large),
Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

[ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 11, 1884.]

Department President	*Sara E. Holmes, Plankinton.
Senior Vice-President	Sophronia M. Lucus, Hot Springs.
Junior Vice-President	Sarah N. Webster, Parker.
Secretary	Agnes Egan, Plankinton.
Treasurer	Sarah E. Locke, Plankinton.
Past Department President	Alma S. Bennett, Nevada, Mo.
“ “ “	*Lelia L. Smith, Huron.
“ “ “	*Louise P. Hauser, Aberdeen.
“ “ “	*Lucy P. Bryson, Gettysburg.
“ “ “	Ruth H. Thomas, Huron.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

Sarah E. B. Humphrey (at large),
Faulkton.

Clara Miller (at large),
Woonsocket.

*Rhoda Hoyt, Aberdeen.

*Tillie Lawrence, De Smet.

TENNESSEE.

[ORGANIZED SEPT. 6, 1892.]

Department President	†Bianca L. Muller, Chattanooga.
Senior Vice-President	Leonora H. Tucker, Chattanooga.
Junior Vice-President	*Nettie E. Patterson, Knoxville.
Secretary	*J. M. S. Case, Chattanooga.
Treasurer	*Hattie S. Steward, Chattanooga.

Delegate.

*Alida Rule (at large), Knoxville.

TEXAS.

[ORGANIZED MARCH 5, 1890.]

Department President	*Ann E. Knight, Oak Cliff.
Senior Vice-President	E. A. R. Williams, Denison.
Junior Vice-President	Lili F. Kline, San Antonio.
Secretary	Nellie R. Jones, Dallas.
Treasurer	Florence E. Myers, Dallas.
Past Department President	Hattie A. Loring, San Antonio.
“ “ “	E. A. R. Williams, Denison.

*Delegate.**Ella B. Case (at large),
Denison.*Alternate.*Lena Morgan (at large),
Ft. Worth.

VERMONT.

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 4, 1885.]

Department President	*Ellen M. Seaver, Montpelier.
Senior Vice-President	*Calista R. Jones, Bradford.
Junior Vice-President	Alice A. Henry, Chester.
Secretary	Euloeen M. Eaton, Montpelier.
Treasurer	Amanda T. Newcomb, Montpelier.
Past Department President	Minna G. Hooker, Brattleboro.
“ “ “	Lucy J. Gibson, Bennington.
“ “ “	†Amanda T. Newcomb, Montpelier.
“ “ “	*Lenora W. Howe, Brattleboro.
“ “ “	Janet P. Blackmer, Manchester.
“ “ “	Charlotte A. H. Thompson, St. Johnsbury.

*Delegates.**A. Louise Putnam (at large),
Brattleboro.*Alternates.*Lydia M. Lewis (at large),
Springfield.

*Mary A. Perry, Bellows Falls.

Jennie Hewitt, So. Royalton.

*Clara A. Mallett, Montreal, P. Q.

Mary W. Gould, Ludlow.

Anthia M. Munsell, Wells River.

*Anne E. Goss, Chelsea.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

[ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 11, 1886.]

Department President	*Lizzie R. Herrick, Seattle.
Senior Vice-President	Emma Miller, New Whatcom.
Junior Vice-President	Lizzie Haynes, Port Angeles.
Secretary	Mattie E. Ames, Seattle.
Treasurer	Helen Burke, Seattle.
Past Department President	Viola A. Kenyon, Ventura, Cal.
“ “ “	Helen Burke, Seattle.
“ “ “	Lucy A. Ide, Spokane Falls.
“ “ “	May Evans, Walla Walla.
“ “ “	Sarah M. Tomlinson, Tacoma.

Delegates.

*Ella Boggs (at large), Tacoma.

*Nettie Dundi, Colfax.

*Alternates.*Nannie Gregg (at large),
Walla Walla.

Valeria Frank, Puyallup.

WISCONSIN.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 6, 1884.]

Department President	*Louise C. Williams, Oconomowoc.
Senior Vice-President	Belle S. Hanover, Merrill.
Junior Vice-President	Elizabeth Skeel, Menomonee.
Secretary	*Celestia L. Edwards, Oconomowoc.
Treasurer	Lucinda C. Burchard, Ft. Atkinson.
Past Department President	Harriet Dunlap, Lodi.
“ “ “	*Gertie Rogers, Oconomowoc.
“ “ “	*Caroline H. Bell, Milwaukee.
“ “ “	Helen H. Charlton, Brodhead.
“ “ “	Helen N. Puffer, Monroe.

*Delegates.**Emma H. Wyman (at large),
Viroqua.

*Libbie C. Baer, Appleton.

H. McKennan, Baraboo.

Emily S. Abbott, Monroe.

*Ellen C. R. Jewell, Hudson.

*Anna E. Clark, Stevens Point.

*Annie Howard, Eau Claire.

*Alternates.*Margaret Whittmore (at large),
Janesville.

Nettie Dodge, Montello.

S. P. Barney, Mauston.

Sarah E. Buck, Plattville.

Elizabeth C. Disch, Marinette.

*Mary I. Green, Milwaukee.

*Hattie Welton, Madison.

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Provisional Department Secretary . . . Nellie V. Rhea, Texarkana

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Provisional Department President . . . *Josephine B. Lewis, New Orleans
Provisional Department Secretary . . . *Julia E. Lewis, New Orleans

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Provisional Department President . . . *Isabella Kirkendall, Helena
Provisional Department Secretary . . . *Mary E. Simonton, Helena

NEW MEXICO.

Provisional Department President . . . Mary S. McFie, Las Cruces
Provisional Department Secretary . . . Mary Lowe, Las Cruces

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Provisional Department President . . . *Amanda L. Murdock, Wheeling
Provisional Department Secretary . . . *Julia A. Burt, Wheeling

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H. H. CARTER, No. 1, Dover.

President Emily E. Blair

*Nellie Jones, Dover (elected by Convention, President being absent).

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DAVID HUNTER, No. 1, Beaufort.

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President		*Emma J. Bolt
	GARFIELD, No. 8, Hampton.	
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	BURNSIDE, No. 10, Franktown.	
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President		*Mary E. Davis
	W. T. SHERMAN, No. 15, Phœbus.	
President		*Esther Robinson

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WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Tenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, met in First Baptist Church, corner of 16th and O Streets, Washington, D. C., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1892.

Convention called to order at 10.15 A.M. by National President, Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders.

The National Secretary, Mrs. Ella Cobean, announced the Guards appointed to serve during the Convention.

Guard, Nellie R. Grant; Assistant Guards, Jessie Vandoren, E. W. Marshall, Carrie M. King, Gladys L. Thompson, Marion Gregory, Sarah Jacobson, Alice Stewart, Pauline B. Floyd, Emma H. Hunt, Jessie C. Osborn, all of Washington, D. C.

All reported as present and were instructed to assume their respective positions as indicated by the Guard; to also see that the doors were properly closed and guarded.

The Conductors appointed to serve during Convention were announced as follows:—

Conductor, Minnie Cowling; Assistant Conductors, Mary E. Fowler, Mary M. Dowling, Isabel M. Long, Emma S. Kibby, Annie Anderson, Rose M. Kennell, Nellie McCabe, Francena Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Sue M. Simpson, Illinois; Hattie R. Murray, Michigan; Julia McCarthy, Kansas; Ada G. Mohr, New York.

Miss Lena G. Shepherd of Washington, D. C., presided at the piano in a most superb manner, and to the perfect time of the "Royal Arch March" the Conductors advanced by twos down the converging aisles to the President to receive the password [applause], and were instructed to take password from all present.

The Conductors reported that all present were in possession of the proper password.

The National President invited the Past National Presidents to the platform to be introduced to the Convention. Presented by Conductors.

Music. [Applause.]

Conductor: Mrs. President, the Past National Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps.

National President: Conductor, escort the Past National Presidents to this platform.

National President: Members of the Tenth National Convention, I take great pleasure in presenting to you my distinguished predecessors, the women who have had charge of the National Woman's Relief Corps from its beginning.

Mrs. E. Florence Barker of Massachusetts,
 Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood of Ohio,
 Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller of Massachusetts,
 Mrs. Emma Stark Hampton of Michigan,
 Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig of Wisconsin,
 Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer of Pennsylvania,
 Mrs. Mary Sears McHenry of Iowa.

As each name was announced, the Convention gave the salute.

National President: The Conductors will escort these distinguished members to the seats prepared for them.

Music.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, Past National Treasurer, was introduced from the platform and received the salute of Convention.

Convention sung Opening Ode, accompanied by Miss Shepherd at the piano. The National Chaplain being absent, Mrs. Davenport of Washington City offered prayer.

The National President then declared the Tenth National Convention duly opened for the transaction of business and appointed Mrs. Mary P. Gale of Illinois as Assistant National Secretary.

National President: The Assistant Secretary will read the names of the Messengers appointed to serve this Convention.

Messengers: Lillian Morton, Annie E. Hoagland, Annie M. Layton, Helen Gardner, Rachel Harris, Hannah Greenwood, all of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood of Ohio: Mrs. President, the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee desires to pay his respects to the Convention. Can he be admitted?

National President: We cannot admit any visitors to our morning session.

Mrs. Sherwood: I would like the sense of the Convention in regard to this.

National President: Mrs. Sherwood, do you appeal from my decision?

Mrs. Sherwood: I would like the sense of the Convention.

National President: Do you appeal from my decision?

Mrs. Sherwood: I would like the expression of the Convention. It has always been the custom to admit Comrades who came.

National President: Mrs. Sherwood, through official General Orders I have called a closed session this morning and have already refused to receive delegations which have come.

Mrs. Sherwood: I would like the expression of the Convention. I think we should receive this representative from the Citizens' Committee. He desires to come in for a moment to give us a welcome to Washington.

National President: Mrs. Sherwood, I shall be obliged to insist unless you appeal from my decision.

Mrs. Sherwood: I move, Mrs. President, That the Tenth National Convention receive the greetings of the citizens of Washington, D. C., from the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, John Joy Edson.

Seconded by E. Florence Barker.

National President: It has been moved and seconded that the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee be presented to this Convention this morning. Are you ready for the question?

Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer of Pennsylvania: Ladies of the Convention, I only rise to say that it has already been promulgated by the National President that no visitors would be received this morning, and many have been refused. I want it distinctly understood that it is with no disposition on our part to mistreat the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee that this ruling is made. If you vote to sustain the decision of the Chair, please remember that it is with no disposition of ill feeling toward the Citizens' Committee, as we can receive them at another time. [Applause.]

Mrs. E. Florence Barker of Massachusetts: I wish to say that I think this an exceptional case, with all due respect to our Past National President. This is the representative of the Committee who invited us to come to Washington, and it would hardly be courteous toward the people of Washington, who so generously invited us, to refuse to receive their representative; and, Mrs. President, allow me to say that we cannot receive them later. If we refuse to receive them now and allow them to welcome us, we shall have no opportunity to allow them to do so later. The courtesies of the Woman's Relief Corps have always been extended to all who knocked at its door. I wish to say that I have never seen a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic knocking at the door of the Woman's Relief Corps, when it was not thrown open and a welcome extended.

Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig of Wisconsin: While I am in favor of sustaining the National President in her decision, would beg of her to make an exception in this case, whereby she could allow this representative from the Citizens' Committee to come in and extend its greetings to us. Certainly it would be a favor to us.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I think it would be well now to have it straight. This Convention is confused about sustaining the President. It is not in sustaining the President. Mrs. Sherwood did not take an appeal from the decision of the President.

National President: The question is, Shall we receive them this morning? It has been moved and seconded that the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee be presented to this Convention this morning. Those in favor of this will rise. Contrary. Carried. It has been decided, that this Committee be received. Mrs. Barker, by request, I take pleasure in appointing you to accompany Mrs. Sherwood to the door.

It was here moved and seconded, That it be the sense of the Convention to have no more applause. Motion lost.

The Conductor was instructed to escort the National Counselor to the platform.

Mrs. Sherwood: Mrs. President, I have the very great honor of introducing to you a representative of the Soldiers' and Citizens' Committee of Washington, D. C., Mr. John Joy Edson, Chairman of that Committee. I would explain that Mrs. Logan has not arrived, and thought we should not delay the proceedings by waiting.

National President: Mrs. Sherwood, you will please escort Mr. Edson to the platform. Members of the Tenth National Convention, I have the pleasure of presenting to you, Comrade John Joy Edson, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee of Washington, to whom you will give your undivided attention for a moment. Convention, salute.

Comrade Edson: Mrs. President and Ladies of the National Woman's Relief Corps, when I got to your building,—your place of meeting,—I found that it was necessary to have the password. I tried to get it in some way. I presume if I had had it, they would not have admitted me all the same. It is very fitting and proper that I, as Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, should appear here and welcome you heartily, cordially and sincerely, in behalf of the citizens of Washington. We are anxious, sincerely anxious, that we can do something to contribute to your comfort and pleasure. I notice your stay here has been blessed so

far with fine weather. The Honorable Secretary Rusk promised me he would have fine weather up to and after the parade, and he has kept his promise. I am sure if he had known how long the National Woman's Relief Corps was to meet in this city, he would have extended it that long.

Again I wish, Mrs. President and Ladies of the National Woman's Relief Corps, to say that the citizens will look forward to in some way indicate that they can further the hospitality of the city and contribute to your happiness. This is a grand organization of women. I do not believe there is another nation in the world that has the organization of women that the United States has. I am one of those that believe that woman's work and usefulness should be noticed. I look upon such organizations as this, that has reached up into its hundreds of thousands of members, and other nations are looking upon it and noting what you do; and you show that you are still progressing and that you have bright prospects in the future. [Applause.]

National President: Ladies, I trust you are pleased with the remarks of the Comrade and the spirit in which they are offered. The Committee on Courtesies will escort the Comrade to the door.

The Conductors were instructed to assign the Messengers to proper places in the Convention.

National President: I have appointed these young ladies, members of our Order, to act as Messengers during this Convention. They will be on hand to carry any messages that you may find it necessary to send. I hope there will be as few as possible; but if you are obliged to confer with each other, they will come to you, and we can then go right on with the business.

The Conductor escorted Mrs. Emma Stark Hampton of Michigan to the platform, she being the National Counselor. Salute given by the Convention.

Assistant Secretary instructed to call the roll of National Officers and members of Executive Board. These officers were escorted to the platform by the Conductors and introduced by the President, that the members of the Order might see under whom they had been serving during the year. Salute given amid great

applause, and officers escorted to seats. The Senior Vice President and Counselor requested to remain on the platform to assist the President in her work.

Secretary announced the Committee on Credentials :—

Mrs. Ella Cobean of Illinois.

Mrs. Carrie L. Davis of Kentucky.

Mrs. Mary A. H. Cadden of Maryland.

Mrs. Caroline H. Bell of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Isabella Kirkendall of Montana.

Convention Aides, also Postmistress and Assistants, announced by the Secretary, as follows :—

Convention Aides : Aide, Louise Schemmerhorn ; Assistant Aides, Mary E. Lockwood, Kate Campbell, Lydia A. Barnes, Sarah F. Vandoren, Christine Butcher, Hattie P. Quander, Elizabeth A. Trusler, Ethel Dinsmore, Martha M. Pipes, R. J. Beale, Annie Hamilton, E. B. Sheldon, Mary S. Gist, Augusta Starkey, Marian L. Jordan, Kate McMonigal, Martha E. Burgess, all of Washington, D. C.

Postmistress, Eliza P. Walson ; Assistants : Fannie Miner, Indiana Cowling, E. B. Russell, Maria J. Hall, Jennie C. Adams, all of Washington, D. C.

Question came up as to whether the post office was in running order. Mrs. Wittenmyer reported that it was.

Secretary instructed to read names of Press Committee :—

Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Mary A. Wallace of Pennsylvania.

Miss Mary E. Elliot of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Inez J. Bender of Illinois.

Mrs. Mary E. Lockwood of Washington, D. C.

Miss Marion H. Brazier of Massachusetts.

National President : Mrs. Wittenmyer has charge of everything that is to go to press from this Convention. Reporters will besiege you on all sides for the business of this Convention. Refer them to Mrs. Wittenmyer ; then we shall have the reports as they should be.

Mrs. Wittenmyer spoke of the arrangements made for the publication of articles with the Associated and United Press, and desired that her Aides come forward and seat themselves near her in order to facilitate matters.

National President: Next in order of business being the President's Address, I ask that quiet be maintained in the Convention during its reading, and that no one go out or be admitted until I am through. My address is one that you have come to hear and you must be allowed the privilege. It is time all were present who wish to attend the morning session. The National Senior Vice-President will preside.

Senior Vice-President instructed Guards to close the doors and introduced the President as follows: —

I have the pleasure of introducing to this Convention the National President, Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders.

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ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Officers and Members of the Tenth National Convention :

In the chief city of our great nation, surrounded by all that is grand and great in the gift of God and man, we have assembled once more to render an account of the past year and legislate for the future. Since last we met, in the "City of the Straits," another link has been added to that ever-lengthening chain of time which makes up the wonderful past; another year has recorded, day by day, its joys and sorrows, lights and shadows, pleasures and trials. Each life has been more or less affected by the changes, and the bravest are those who have faced trials and resisted temptation. While the past, with all its memories, is beyond recall, the future is full of hope. The present alone is ours, and bids us be diligent.

I fully appreciate the great honor conferred by placing in my hands the guidance of our Order; and, having accepted the sacred trust, have, in the light of a clear conscience, performed every duty presented to the best of my ability.

Looking into the faces before me, I am forcibly reminded that the girls of the sixties are the matrons of today. For a moment imagine yourselves again the fair young girls upon whose lives no real sorrow had yet come, when with pride you "bound on the warrior's scarf," and bade him go in defense of American liberty. Could we but take that backward step and stand beneath the threatening clouds of war, instead of grey-haired, crippled veterans that have passed in grand review at their nation's head today, we should find ourselves surrounded by brave young heroes armed against an unholy rebellion. Here in the city of Washington, where the archives of our nation are sacredly filed, and where thirty years ago domestic and foreign intervention threatened the overthrow of our government, we breathe the air of liberty. The evidences of this bitter strife are seen in crippled forms of humanity, the hundreds of silent battle-fields that dot the hills and valleys of the sunny South, and the vast cemeteries where sleep the nation's heroes.

Here on sacred soil we are doubly reminded of our duty to the living. By the silvered heads and faltering steps of the

marching hosts, we know they are growing old; and one by one, following in quick succession, they will drop from the ranks, leaving behind those who claim our sympathy and our care.

It is for those who fought the good fight and their dependent ones we, as an organization, labor and legislate today.

In recognition of these duties—charitable, memorial and educational—here, at our common altar, let us, as representatives from every portion of our loved country, concentrate our best thoughts for the upbuilding and extension of our Order.

Careful interests of the Order, that have occupied sleepless hours, will be presented in the way of recommendations for your consideration.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

The legislation of the Ninth National Convention placed in the hands of the present administration many unpleasant duties to perform and instructions to carry out. In accordance with obligation of office, each decision and act has been promulgated and executed to the very best of my ability and understanding.

All matters pertaining to the work, discipline and welfare of the Order have been carefully reviewed, and judgment passed in accordance with facts and testimony produced and my most conscientious ideas of right. Often the way has been dark, and fettered by complications which at times seemed almost insurmountable; yet, by perseverance, the end has been reached, and the burdens made light by law and justice.

According to instruction, the new Ritual, as adopted by Ninth Convention, was published and distributed among the Corps of the Order at an early date, and is now in general use; and I feel assured that its perfection and excellence is highly appreciated, and that it receives general commendation.

In compliance with action of the last National Convention, the Red Book was also published, and placed in the hands of the National Treasurer for sale, as other supplies. Being a new work and not knowing what the demands might be, I only ordered two thousand published, which have nearly all been sold, and not only paid full cost of publication, but the price paid Annie Wittenmyer for the same, leaving a balance to the credit of the Order. By the general demand for this work and the letters received in

expression of approval, I feel justified in recommending that another and larger edition be at once published, that all orders be speedily met.

*GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The extension of our Order has almost reached its utmost limit, having located in Idaho the past year, leaving Alabama alone without a Relief Corps. Its growth has ceased to be spontaneous, while a steady and substantial upbuilding characterizes our advancement everywhere. The world recognizes our efforts, and our popularity is in keeping with our objects. Not only are our numbers increasing and influence growing, but the women who are engaged in the holy work of charity, due a nation's defenders, are expanding their ideas and capabilities, which will make them better women and mothers and brighter guiding stars of happier homes, from whence the coming man will go forth, ever turning back with reverence and respect to the influence and teachings of women that moulded their lives for the perfecting power of a nation.

"It is not how high, but how well we build. Real glory springs from the quiet conquest of ourselves." Our Order now numbers 130,789, there having been an increase of 13,218 during the past year. During the year, \$34,138.34 has been turned over to Posts. Cash for relief, \$61,463.63. Relief other than money, \$38,941.33. Balance in the relief funds of Corps, \$77,517.17. General fund, \$122,535.81.

INSPECTION.

This subject properly belongs to the National Inspector, in whose report the work of the office is most ably presented; yet, having carefully investigated the present system of inspection for the past five years, I consider it my duty at the present to add my

*NOTE.—As the organization of the Department of Tennessee was not completed until after my address had been printed, I was unable at the time to assume credit for this Department having been formed during my administration. Through the indefatigable labor of Bianca L. Muller, Provisional Department President of Tennessee, and her assistant officers, in August, a Corps was formed in the City of Mexico, and attached to Tennessee. The necessary number of Corps now having been formed, a regular Department was organized at Nashville, Sept. 6, 1892, of which Mrs. Muller was duly elected its first Department President. Particular credit is due all workers in this State for having succeeded in organizing this Department, when we consider the great amount of up-hill work that must be accomplished to organize a Department of our Order in the South. Again, it has been proven that wherever our veterans wander, there patriotic women take up the work of loyal charity for those who bore the heat of battle.

opinions to those of the National Inspector, as to the desirability of expending so much money for inspections which might be utilized for the higher work of our Order.

In general orders, annual reports, and newspaper locals of receptions and banquets given in honor of Inspectors, this subject has a pleasant appearance, and may add temporary interest to the Corps; yet there are so many important facts to be considered that outbalance the small benefit received from such visits, I claim the privilege of presenting a few.

The members of our Order are composed principally of women who have passed the meridian of life, whose daily cares and responsibilities of home and family are scarcely suspended for the brief period of a Corps meeting. Such women pay dues, assist in raising money for charity and join in Memorial Day exercises, yet consider it useless to spend time in following direct lines and turning square corners. From such our officers are mostly chosen to conduct the affairs of our Corps, and are expected to become familiar with the duties of their respective offices. The time of inspection comes when their duties are about to devolve upon successors, who may or may not have been present at inspection. Old officers retire and new ones assume command; and again the year has almost passed before the new officers have had a chance to avail themselves of the benefit of Inspectors.

The Woman's Relief Corps has almost passed the first decade of its existence; our Department and National Conventions have been educators of representatives from a majority of the Corps of our Order, hence contain women quite as capable of performing the work of inspection as those usually sent from a distance. It has always been my opinion that instructors were more necessary than inspectors; and though opposed to the present expensive system of inspection, I am decidedly in favor of a system of instruction. At the present time it requires from \$250 to \$300 per month to meet the expenses of our National W. R. C. Home, where worthy women of the war justly claim our charity. Our Home Board are obliged to manage most carefully to meet the necessary expenses of the Home. Each year our responsibility becomes greater, the number of inmates increase; and as old age surely comes with greater demands, we must utilize every possible resource, that our great and exemplary work may be successful.

In order to place this subject before the Tenth National Convention as vividly as possible, the statistics of the last annual inspection of the various Departments of our Order have been officially received and consolidated for your consideration. The inspection of some Departments having been conducted at the expense of Corps, are not included in this report. From twenty-four Departments I have received the full cost of the last annual inspection, which amounts to \$2,563. Divide this by 12, and you will find that this amount will pay at least two-thirds of the present expense of keeping the Home. At the present time, is it desirable or just to give so great an amount of our hard-earned charity money into the hands of the railroad companies? This subject certainly is worthy of careful consideration and immediate legislation for a change, in consideration of all the facts in the case. I refer you to the recommendations found in the report of the National Inspector, in which I most heartily concur.

COLORED CORPS.

Among the thousands that represent our Order, none are found more enthusiastic, faithful and obedient than those who, though free, have not entirely escaped oppression. They are prompt in their duties and correct with their reports, so far as finances are concerned. The accounts received of their excellent work among their people who need charity, assure us that the institution of colored Corps is a great benefit to that race who joined our forces for Liberty and the Union, though at that time very few knew the blessings of liberty awaiting victory. All seemed to be impressed with the love of Freedom, and gave even their last crust to the soldier in distress who became a subject of their charity. As a matter of experiment, the colored Corps of Virginia were placed under *provisional* rule at the close of the last administration: the results thereof were left to the present administration to consider. After months of continued writing, explaining and instructing, it was found the Corps were not only unable to understand the directions given by their Provisional Department President, but were unwilling to report to the same. It was therefore thought best to remand them to Detached Corps, which decision was promulgated in National General Orders No. 6.

The matter of inspection among these Corps has become a subject that should be thoroughly and wisely considered. From the

fact that so many are unable to read or write, it seems useless to expend money in trying to teach them the use of blanks which many intelligent white Corps stumble over, year after year. Forms are the pride of the colored race ; and although they may not march in a "bee" line to the teachings of our Ritual, their meetings will be regular, their badges bright, and their charity at command. So long as they are correct with their per capita in accordance with members reported, I see no need of puzzling their minds about demands for delinquent, dropped or transferred membership, that shall render their reports correct and perfect according to our complicated blanks.

We must consider the few years that intervene between their present status and bondage, and, in comparison with ages of education and enlightenment that has surrounded us, commend most highly the advancement of the colored race. Among this people are some who are most intelligent and well educated, and as such excel in their work for the Order ; they are gradually educating their people up to our standard. Since distances are so great, and colored Corps so isolated, I deem it not only useless but cruel to fetter their work of charity by trying to teach them that which is the same as Greek to their understanding. Yet I would not ignore this people. As a matter of encouragement, I consider it advisable to visit them when convenient and tell them of the great work of our Order and the duty they, as members, owe their colored Comrades ; at the same time give them any instructions they may be able to grasp : and by so doing extend our work of charity under the title of inspection.

In February Mrs. L. A. Turner, our "Southern missionary," as usual tendered her services to assist these people as far as possible on her return from her annual visit South. A complete list of Corps on or near her route was furnished by the National Secretary, so that, by management, she was enabled to visit a goodly number ; and knowing, as we do, the large, kind and unselfish heart of our pioneer member, we may be assured of faithful service and kindly instruction at the hands of our "Good Samaritan." From the quarterly reports received, with that of Mrs. Turner, I base my opinions concerning the colored Corps, an account of which will be found in the National Inspector's report.

NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

Ninth National Convention instructed the National President "to inquire into the condition of the Corps in North and South Dakota, and take such steps as are necessary to relieve the burden of per capita tax, in part or whole, until such time as they might be self-supporting." No sooner had this order been promulgated in General Orders than a strong protest came from South Dakota against such action of Convention, with the information that the Department of South Dakota was not in need of charity or pity; and I am happy to say that the success of this Department during the year has proven the facts in the case.

By request of the Department President of North Dakota, the Corps at Steele, N. D., was relieved from paying per capita tax until their prosperity warranted the same.

PENSION WORK.

As there were several women in the National Home entitled to pensions, as mothers, widows and Army Nurses, the Board of Directors asked that Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer be authorized to go to Washington and make an effort to secure the same. Under their instructions, early in February she went to Washington and commenced her work. The claims of eight Army Nurses, which could not be acted upon by the Pension Bureau, were presented as special bills to Congress; the other cases (one mother and three widows) were pressed in the Pension Office, additional evidence secured, and these four of the inmates have already received their pensions.

As Mrs. Wittenmyer was in Washington and was willing to undertake the work, Mrs. Sherwood, Chairman of the Pension Committee, requested her to assist in securing the passage of the general Army Nurse Pension Bill. She at once undertook the work with great zeal, and her pleadings before the Pension Committee made a deep impression. She telegraphed Mrs. Harriette L. Reed, Secretary of the Pension Committee, to come to Washington and assist in the work. Mrs. Reed came, and remained in Washington several weeks, doing all she could to advance the bill in the House.

Nearly five months were spent in hard work to secure the passage of this bill through the House. There, in a heated city, for the sake of economy, Mrs. Wittenmyer was quartered in the back room of the third story of a hotel, where she worked almost day and night, writing to those who had influence with the members of the House, urging upon them the necessity of exerting every power possible to assist in carrying the bill through.

On June 28th this bill passed the House by over a two-thirds vote; and I am happy to say the Chairman of the Pension Committee, A. N. Martin, and W. H. Butler, the author of the bill, received two beautiful baskets of rosebuds fresh from the green-house, with cards attached, bearing the compliments and thanks of the National Woman's Relief Corps. This bill was immediately followed to the Senate, and every influence brought to bear to push it through that body; but it was delayed by the Pension Committee of the Senate, and when brought forward a substitute was offered. It being near the close of the session, and requiring a conference committee of both houses, the bill was endangered: hence it was necessary to bring every possible force to bear to compel action. The Committee and Senators were pressed on every side by letters, telegrams and personal appeals to secure the passage of the bill through the Senate.

On July 27 the Senate passed the substitute, which went to the House, who refused to concur in the Senate bill. A conference committee was ordered, who reached an agreement, and the bill passed both houses.

On August 5 the bill was signed by President Harrison, and is now a law. Let us rejoice together, that at last these dear women have received the recognition due them for the self-sacrificing service they rendered our soldiers, when sickness and sorrow became their lot, when homes and mothers were far away.

FINANCES.

Owing to the extra amount of expense incurred in publishing and sending out the new Ritual, the furnishing of the Journal free to Corps and Posts, and the cost of the Canton Court of Inquiry, which was paid under protest, it has required unusual

economy to make our crippled finances meet the demands of the year. It being my opinion (which opinion was sustained by my Council) that the law applying to Corps as found in Rules and Regulations, Sect. 4, Art. VII., Chap. V., should apply the same to Departments and National organization, I ordered all bills in the case of Canton Court of Inquiry sent to the Department of Ohio for payment, which were returned unsettled. It is still my opinion that the money paid under protest to settle the cost of the Canton Court of Inquiry should have been paid by the Department of Ohio, and I hereby recommend that this Convention order the Department of Ohio to refund the full amount of the cost at once to the National Treasury.

Notwithstanding the great pressure upon our finances, the report of the National Treasurer will show that we have met all demands and there is still a balance to our credit. In this connection I would advise that hereafter this National body exercise greater care in bringing burdens upon the National Treasury. In consideration of the extra expense in conducting the pension work, and the necessity of providing a burial-ground for our National Home, with the consent of my Council I ordered \$150 of the Jensie Wells Fund transferred to the Home Fund. I would advise that the small sum now remaining in the Jensie Wells Fund be kept intact to assist Mrs. Wells in going to house-keeping, in case of her husband's release from prison.

NATIONAL W. R. C. HOME.

With pleasure I call your attention to the success of our National W. R. C. Home and its most able management. An examination of the accounts of the Home will show that the strictest economy has been practiced throughout the past year; and yet the inmates have been comfortable and happy and are most appreciative of our efforts in their behalf. We, as an organization, are under obligations to the Legislature of the State of Ohio for the magnificent Ohio Cottage, that has been erected on our beautiful grounds at Madison, as a home for the worthy women of the war; and I feel it my duty to recommend that a vote of thanks

of this Convention be extended to the most able Committee who have had in charge the building and furnishing of this beautiful Home.

While we had cause to regret the loss of our first Matron, Miss Kate L. Cooledge, who had become so endeared to the inmates, we have reason to rejoice that another was so soon found to fill her place. While it was very hard for the inmates of the Home to part with Miss Cooledge, I feel assured that Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton has become equally endeared to everyone, and in her superior business management we have bright hopes for the future. It has been my pleasure to note the great interest of the Home Board in the welfare of the institution, each member doing her utmost to make the enterprise a success and add to the comfort of the inmates. The amount of thought expended, labor put forth and correspondence conducted, entitles them to the thanks of our Order.

Mrs. Pluma L. Cowles is particularly entitled to our gratitude for her untiring and faithful zeal in behalf of the Home. As this subject will be presented in full by the Chairman of the Board, I will only add, we have indeed great cause to be proud of our National Home.

RELIEF.

For special relief the calls have been many, all of which have been carefully investigated and, when found worthy, placed in the hands of Corps for special work. Early in the year a request was made through General Orders, asking Corps desiring special duties to report to National Headquarters. Many responded, and to them these special calls for charity were assigned; and I am pleased to report that every call has been generously met and much good has been the result, not only to those in need, but to the Corps that have been interested in special work.

\$200 has been sent Jensie Wells from the fund contributed for her assistance.

In many cases, upon careful investigation, it has been found that those applying were not in need; and in consideration of these facts, it is hoped that no call will be responded to in the way of donations until carefully investigated by those to whom an appeal for help is made. There have been no orders drawn upon the National relief fund during the year.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Fully believing it detrimental to the general welfare of our Order to promulgate the findings of a Court of Inquiry in General Orders, I have communicated all such as have arisen during my administration through special orders to the Department in which the trouble originated, sending such orders outside of the Department to members of the National Staff and Department Presidents only. By doing this, I believe much unpleasant publicity is avoided and the good name of our Order protected.

ANDERSONVILLE PRISON PROPERTY.

In accordance with instructions of Ninth Convention, a call was made, through General Orders No. 6, for funds to assist in the improvement of the Andersonville Prison property. Through correspondence with the Department Commander of Georgia, G. A. R., it was ascertained that \$1,000 was needed to raise the purchase debt, that the managers might be able to present the same to the Grand Army at the Washington Encampment. As only about \$500 of this amount has been sent to National Treasurer, the matter of presentation will be postponed another year. I trust the full amount may be placed in the hands of National Treasurer before the Encampment of 1893.

WORLD'S FAIR.

In accordance with instructions of Ninth Convention, the matter of representation of the W. R. C. in the coming World's Fair, to be held in the city of Chicago, in 1893, has been duly considered. After some little correspondence with Mrs. Bertha M. H. Palmer, President of the Board of Lady Managers, a personal interview was held with Mrs. Palmer at her office in Chicago. After having presented our Order in all phases, together with the instructions of Ninth Convention, Mrs. Palmer stated the probable limit of space to be donated and restrictions of an exhibit. In accordance with facts stated, a written requisition for space in the Woman's Building, *pro rata* with all applicants, was filed with the Secretary. Circular Letter No. 2 was sent to all members of the National Council, asking their opinions as to how we as an Order might best be represented. Response came from nine members,

with as many different ideas of representation, from all of which recommendations have been formed upon which the present Convention may act. Only those who have by actual observation and careful study of the various demands required for a successful exhibit, which shall be in keeping with the name, motto and objects of our Order, and the supreme excellence due the World's exhibit, can comprehend the labor, tact and judgment required to place before the world such representation as our Order demands. There the highest type of excellence in every imaginable form and variety will concentrate as an inexpressible, grand and magnificent whole.

While all other organizations of women are planning to represent their objects and work, it is essential that ours, the largest charitable organization on earth, should have a permanent place among the many. Not alone for the mere matter of display, but prominent among the world's grandest types of excellence, ours, under the flag of our country, with all its ties of Fraternity, blessed deeds of Charity and world-renowned Loyalty, should here represent the character and worth of our grand American women. To accomplish this object in a manner becoming our Order, it is necessary that the first steps be carefully considered. In order that the subject may be placed before this Convention in such manner as to utilize the best thought and legislation of our National representatives, I have concentrated the different ideas presented by the National Council and submit the same through recommendations for your consideration.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Fully believing that the duties devolving upon *me* as National President could as a general thing be best accomplished in my office, where, free from influence or prejudice, I might carefully consider and weigh important issues, I have made no official visits during the year excepting in cases of necessity, and such have been very few.

In order to understand the true status of affairs and be able to advise intelligently, I visited the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, attended the first meeting of the Home Board and witnessed the ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone of the Ohio Cottage.

In September I made an official visit to the President of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair, to confer with her in regard to space for an exhibit for our Order. I found Mrs. Palmer in her private office, outside of which many were waiting to be presented. In turn I was received by the woman who, in her high social standing, is giving her entire service and time to lead the women of the world in making an exhibit worthy of the standing of American women in the civilized world. The results of this visit are found under separate heading.

In November I visited the National Inspector, Mrs. Emily J. Butterfield, to confer with her in regard to the best interests of the work placed directly under her official care. The results of such conference may be found summed up in her most carefully prepared report.

In the month of July I found it necessary to make an official visit to the home of Mrs. Wittenmyer, in order to consult with her in regard to the interests of the Home, her work in Washington on the Pension Bill, and certain important arrangements for the Tenth National Convention. Though my visit was brief, I was royally entertained at Zephyr Lee, the home of Annie Wittenmyer.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Memorial orders that have been issued by Department Presidents the present year are beautiful beyond expression. Though the sentiment has been the same, the tender words that have been woven into sentences of gentle command have been as varied as the authors; as a whole, they combine the purest and most pathetic thoughts of our leaders and form one grand lesson that might appropriately be bound in gilt and placed in the libraries of our homes. Each year a grateful nation bows in more holy reverence on our Memorial Day. Time has softened the hearts where dwelt acute revenge, and brothers of one National Home join the hand of friendship under the same old flag. In the place of a few bouquets placed here and there by loving hands of those who were indeed bereft, we now find the brightest sprigs of evergreen and sweetest flowers that bloom in May, scattered profusely over the graves of our heroes North and South. Of all the forms and ceremonies connected with the holidays of our

Nation, there are none that demand and receive such recognition as that which pathetically and modestly attracts the hearts of our great people on the 30th day of May.

Although for many years their silence has spoken volumes in unenumerated broken households all over our land, it is not for those who are happy in Eternity we chant the solemn dirge — yet we sometimes think their patriotic spirits linger near as we minister at the bedsides of their loved ones left behind, or cover their graves with flowers. By the sad, sweet ceremonies of this day, nationally recognized, we teach the rising generations the lesson of forgiveness in keeping with the Golden Rule.

Not in triumphant, exultant speech or song such as boasts of victory over a foreign enemy, but with reverential dignity becoming the acknowledged ascendancy of right, we teach the lessons of love and patriotism that shall grow to bless our nation and mankind.

POTOMAC CORPS.

To the members of our Order who have attended every National Convention since 1885, this subject is familiar. For the benefit of new delegates, I consider it my duty to give a synopsis of facts in the case of Potomac Corps.

During the administration of Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, National President for 1886, ladies of Washington, D. C., applied for a charter for a Corps, asking to be made auxiliary to four (4) Posts comprising the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., in place of being auxiliary to any *one* Post, as our laws require, basing their application upon the peculiar condition of G. A. R. relief work in the District of Columbia, and stating that it had and could have no parallel. In Mrs. Fuller's address to the Fourth National Convention, she reported that she had been obliged to refuse such a charter, saying, "It has been the constant purpose of the National President to strictly enforce and adhere to all previous decisions, one being the requirement that all Corps be auxiliary to one Post alone, and bear the name without regard to any wishes of the members of said Corps." In concluding the subject, Mrs. Fuller recommends that the Convention pass a special act, granting charter auxiliary to Department of Potomac, to be known as Potomac Relief Corps No. 2.

Nowhere in the records of Fourth Convention do I find that any authority was given to organize this Corps auxiliary to the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., although it is claimed that the voice of that Convention sanctioned it. During Mrs. Elizabeth D'A. Kinne's administration, Potomac Corps was organized. By referring to page 282 of Fifth Journal, we find a memorial from Potomac Corps was read at Fifth Convention, which stated that Potomac Corps was made auxiliary to the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., by special legislation of Fourth Convention. In this they claimed representation in National Convention, and asked that their number "2" be removed. The question of representation thus arising, all Detached Corps were admitted to representation (see page 282, Fifth Journal). In requesting removal of number, statement was made that by the number "2" being attached to their name, they were virtually standing in secondary relation to O. P. Morton Corps No. 1, a colored Corps, organized somewhat previous to theirs. This they wished to avoid. They plainly stated that the present or future formation of white Corps in the District of Columbia was impracticable, and that it was impossible to create more white Corps than theirs; that should they be created, they could not be sustained; that Corps auxiliary to Posts were impracticable, and enough could never be secured to form a Department. It was upon the presentation of such statements and arguments that the charter and status of Potomac Corps was founded and made an exceptional case. The Fifth Convention sustained Mrs. Kinne in her decision, as found in No. 23, page 151, Fifth Journal, that under our Rules any Post desiring a Corps could not be debarred from having one. During the administration of Charity Rusk Craig, three Posts belonging to the Department of Potomac asked for Corps, against which Potomac Corps vigorously protested, claiming they were auxiliary to all the Posts, and no other could be organized; whereupon Mrs. Craig decided that, under our laws, Posts in the District of Columbia had equal rights with Posts in other Departments, granted charters, and the three Corps were duly organized. Against this decision and action Potomac Corps appealed to Seventh Convention; but the Convention sustained the President in her ruling, thus settling the vexed question and Posts were allowed to have Corps.

The following year more Corps were organized — more Posts having been added to the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., and a request was made for a regular Department of the W. R. C. Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, then National President, by the advice of her Counselor, Mrs. Craig (see Eighth Journal, page 104), organized the Department of the Potomac, W. R. C., with seven Corps on its charter. Potomac Corps again rebelled against a Department being formed, as it had against the formation of Corps, and refused to enter the Department, claiming special rights through special enactments, though every claim and argument used to induce special action in California and St. Louis have proven groundless, and the District of Columbia has been proven *equal* to the States in being able to form and maintain a full-fledged Department. In her annual report, Mrs. Wittenmyer recommended that this Department be named the Department of the Potomac and that a committee of five be appointed to fix the relations between Potomac Corps and the regularly organized Department. The name was approved, but not the appointment of a committee; but a motion prevailed that Potomac Corps remain as it was, until the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., assembled should ask a dissolution of this relation to the Department. By this act of Eighth Convention, a task was imposed upon the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., which they refused to accept, as is seen in the following:—

S. S. Burdette, when Commander-in-Chief said: “The Woman’s Relief Corps, though auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, is yet a distinct and independent organization, and not subject to the control of any G. A. R. Department or Post. Any attempt by a Post to exercise affirmative jurisdiction over a Corps is without authority. Advisory action is the limit of both duty and authority.”

John P. Rea, when Commander-in-Chief, made the following decision, which but sanctions that made by Commander-in-Chief Burdette. He said: “Neither the G. A. R. nor any of its officers has authority to interfere in any manner with the administration of affairs of the Woman’s Relief Corps. Although recognized as auxiliary to the G. A. R., it is altogether independent as regards the discipline of its members and the control of its organization.”

By these decisions of two Past Commanders-in-Chief, it will be seen that they would take no action in matters pertaining to our Order—in fact rejected the request made by the Eighth National Convention, W. R. C.

At the Convention at Detroit, an appeal was made asking that Potomac Corps be made to conform to the Rules and Regulations, the same as all other Corps. This appeal was in the hands of the Committee on Appeals during the entire Convention, and hotly debated by both sides, not only those who were the friends of Potomac Corps, but those who saw no reason why Potomac Corps should not come under the laws of our Order, just the same as all other Corps. After the Committee on Appeals had made their report, the following motion prevailed: "That the incoming National President use her prerogative and place Potomac Corps in the Department of Potomac, W. R. C."

When the Ninth National Convention, after long debate, sustained the motion that the incoming National President use her prerogative and place Potomac Corps in the Department of the Potomac, they probably little considered the responsibility they were placing in the hands of their National President. Having taken the obligation of office, which to the obediently-inclined means to obey all orders from proper authority, it became my duty to carry out the order of Ninth National Convention, in accordance with Rules and Regulations, as found in Part 2, Sect. 1, Art. VI., Chap. IV., which says: "She shall enforce the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps and the orders of National Convention and National Council; and for this purpose she may issue such orders as may be necessary."

Among the many duties devolving upon me, the most difficult has been that pertaining to the late Potomac Corps. In accordance with the interpretation of Charity Rusk Craig, who made the motion, and the almost unanimous vote of the Ninth National Convention, that sustained it, with the advice of Emma S. Hampton, Past National President and my official Counselor, the order of the Ninth National Convention has been carried out as far as in my power to do. The members of Ninth National Convention may have considered the task they imposed; but they will never know the amount of time, labor and thought expended and

patience endured to fulfil this most unpleasant and arduous duty in such a manner as to sustain the dignity of our Order and the laws that govern it.

As stated in Circular Letter No. 1, ample time was allowed to pass before acting, that Potomac Corps might calmly consider a change and see the necessity of obeying the common laws, which govern alike every Corps in the Order. In September, 1891, Potomac Corps was remanded to the Department of the Potomac, W. R. C., which action was never recognized or command obeyed by the officials of the late Corps, but was simply ignored. From its President, Nellie F. Prentice, however, was received the following through a personal letter: "Every member of the Corps that I have seen utterly refuses to go into the Department, W. R. C., under any circumstances whatever."

Following this, Special Orders No. 1 and Circular Letter No. 1 were promulgated Oct. 30, 1891, revoking the charter of Potomac Corps:

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DELAVER, ILLINOIS, October 30, 1891.

SPECIAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }
POTOMAC CORPS. }

In pursuance of orders of Ninth National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, that "The incoming National President use her prerogative and place Potomac Corps in the Department of the Potomac W. R. C.," and to enable Potomac Corps to make the change in a regular and legal manner, the Charter of Potomac Relief Corps, Auxiliary to Department of Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, is hereby revoked, and the President of the Corps will, in accordance with her obligation and without delay, forward to these Headquarters the Charter, Rituals, Officers' Badges, Books of Record and all property of the Order in possession of the Corps, together with a certified list of all members whose indebtedness to the Corps is cancelled, that upon receipt of such certified list the National Secretary may issue transfer cards to all members entitled, thus enabling them to become charter members of a new Corps, or to join other Corps, as provided by Rules and Regulations.

Past Presidents of Potomac Corps, who are in good standing at the time of disbandment and who receive transfers, will be entitled to representation in Department Convention by virtue of past office.

By command of SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
ELLA COBEAN, *National President.*
National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DELAVAN, ILLINOIS, October 30, 1891.

CIRCULAR LETTER, }
 NO. 1. }

In fulfilment of duty in accordance with my obligation, Special Orders No. 1, relative to Potomac Corps, have been issued, copies of which will be sent with this circular letter to every Post and Corps in the Department of the Potomac, that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to action taken.

More than two months have been allowed to pass since the promulgation of this action, to give the Corps ample time to weigh the subject well and calmly consider preparations for the change.

Trusting all will be governed by the sovereign spirit of Loyalty, and the grace of Fraternity be the inspiration and guiding power in all you do and are, I am, yours in F., C. and L.,

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary.

On December 2, one month after special orders had been issued, a letter was received from Nellie F. Prentice, saying: "Special Orders No. 1 have been read in Potomac Corps and a committee of seven (7) appointed to consider the matter and report at next meeting. When the Committee report you shall be informed of our decision at once." By this will be seen that the late Potomac Corps proposed to obey such orders only as were agreeable to them. On December 19, the following report of this committee, made to the late Potomac Corps, was forwarded to National Headquarters by Nellie F. Prentice: —

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14, 1891.

To the President and Members of Potomac Relief Corps:

We submit the following report: Believing that the chartered rights of Potomac Relief Corps W. R. C., Auxiliary to the Department of the Potomac G. A. R., are vested in the Department of the Potomac G. A. R., in Encampment assembled, and in the National W. R. C. in Convention assembled, and having no instructions that either body desires the surrender of its charter or the disbandment of the Corps, or that the National Council, W. R. C., has advised any such action, we find

ourselves unable to comply with the request of the National President, Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders, that Potomac Corps surrender its charter, property, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERTINE S. ODELL, Past President.

ROSE E. FERREE, " "

CORA C. CURRY, " Secretary.

MARIA H. WEISNER, Senior Vice-President.

HELEN R. HOLMES, Secretary.

MERCINE E. CUTLER,

Attest: SALLIE R. CHURCH, *Committee.*

NELLIE F. PRENTICE, *Corps President.*

HELEN R. HOLMES, *Corps Secretary.*

A letter from Mrs. Prentice accompanied this report, from which I quote the following: "In accordance with my promise, I herewith transmit the report of the committee of seven, which was submitted to the Corps and unanimously adopted."

Every honorable overture was made to retain this Corps, but to no avail. A deaf ear was turned to all. They continued holding meetings and initiated members, regardless of all orders.

Later a new Post was formed in Washington City and named Potomac Post, from which a committee was sent in person to meet the members of the disbanded Corps, with official instruction to invite these women to become a Corps auxiliary to Potomac Post. Here was the golden opportunity to obey the order of Ninth Convention and commands of National President, and come under the law without a change of name or loss of a single member. Having been notified of this fact, I felt that Providence had clearly opened the way and that very soon the whole trouble might be settled satisfactorily to all concerned. Again I was disappointed, by receiving copies of communications that had passed between Potomac Post and the disbanded Corps, wherein the invitation to become their auxiliary was *not* accepted, and the urgent plea of the act again refused. This last refusal to become auxiliary to Potomac Post, G. A. R., wherein they might have so easily come under the law (still retaining their name and their number as a body intact), caused me to abandon every hope of reconciliation, and to believe they have never swerved from their avowed determination to hold to their old status at all hazards.

Having through special orders offered transfers to all who were eligible and desired the same, the members of the late Potomac Corps who wrote National Headquarters for the true status of affairs were kindly instructed therein by personal letters, still offering transfers to such as wished to retain membership in the Order and would send receipts for dues up to Oct. 30, 1891, at which time the charter of Potomac Corps was revoked. Several availed themselves of this right, and I only regret that all did not do so, that at this time I might have taken each and every member of the late Potomac Corps by the hand as true and loyal members of our Order. While I deeply and sincerely regret the position taken by the disbanded Corps, I believe I have carried out the will and orders of Ninth Convention just as far as possible.

In this case, as in all others that have come before me during my administration, I have endeavored to do my utmost duty; and although I have not succeeded in placing all of the members of the late Potomac Corps in the Department of the Potomac W. R. C., I have used every means to obey your instructions. The legislation of Ninth National Convention, adopted by an almost unanimous vote, shows that it was the desire of that Convention that Potomac Corps should come under the Rules and Regulations and cease to be an exception. And the vast correspondence of the past year relative to this subject has almost invariably been in accordance with the vote and spirit of Ninth Convention. From the experience of the year I feel it my duty to say, I am more than ever in favor of all conforming to a strict, full and impartial compliance with the laws of our Order, and to especially plan to avoid irregularities. We have made grave errors of legislation in the past. Let the experience it has cost be a constant warning that shall be a safe pilot for the future, directing us in the only safe course, the channel of recognized authority—the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps.

CONCLUSION.

Although the year of my administration has been long and unusually full of complications, it has recorded many happy hours that will appear as bright memories in the future, around which will cluster the many kind thoughts and acts of those with whom

I have been associated. The bright and dark phases of the year have united, I trust, to make me stronger for the future. While I strive to forget the sadness, I shall tenderly cherish the courteous treatment I have received from each and every member of the Order. The fact that our women have been kind even when sentence seemed to them unjust, but proves their superior strength to meet disappointment and adversity and still maintain their allegiance to the Order. A more faithful, kind and obliging staff of officers and committees never served an administration than mine. From the beginning to the end all have been true.

The members of the National Pension and Relief Committee who have assisted in securing the passage of the general Army Nurse Bill are amply repaid for the labors, which have at last been crowned with success, and are now, *at least*, entitled to a rising vote of thanks of this Convention.

The Home Board have zealously watched and guarded the interests of the Home — been true to their trust and ever faithful.

Important matters referred to the National Council have received careful consideration and a speedy response.

Lena Robb, National Instituting and Installing Officer, has watched the extension of the Order among Detached Corps, kindly instructed and gently guided them on to success. Her report is worthy of your attention.

Emma Stark Hampton, my most able and efficient Counselor, has been to me a guiding star over an often troubled sea. By her carefully-prepared and exact opinions I have been enabled to meet the numerous demands upon me for legal advice.

Emily J. Butterfield, National Inspector, has devoted the most of her time to the duties of her office and the advancement of its interests and has proven herself a most faithful and able officer.

Clara Barton, our National Chaplain, has presented a report of her work which speaks for itself. It should be carefully read by every member of the Order, to gain a knowledge of its excellence.

In all business transactions with Armilla A. Cheney, our National Treasurer, I have found her ever the same genial and helpful friend. By the associations of the past year I am again

assured of her faithful service and excellent business qualifications, which add much to the success of the National President and Secretary.

Ella Cobean, National Secretary, has not only proved herself a capable and faithful officer, but has been a valuable counselor at all times, and the friendship of twenty-five years has been more closely cemented by our united efforts in behalf of our work of charity.

National Senior Vice-President Margaret R. Wickins and National Junior Vice-President Mary Lyle Reynolds, early in my administration tendered their loyal support and have been faithful to every charge.

Together, the officers of my administration have been a strong support, and the pleasant associations of the year will ever be remembered with feelings of respect and affection.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That there be no changes made in the Rules and Regulations after the first edition of each administration: that in this edition the Rules and Regulations, Red Book and Ritual be made to conform to each other.

2. That the National Pension Committee be dissolved; that its unfinished business be transferred to the National W. R. C. Home Board; that the Home Board be empowered to incur such expenditures as shall make the bill passed by Congress operative at the earliest possible period; that Annie Wittenmyer, President of the Board, in recognition of her important services on behalf of Army Nurse legislation, and of her eminence during and since the war in every line of soldier activities, be employed as the Special Agent of the National Woman's Relief Corps, to prosecute the claims of army nurses at Washington, with such compensation as the National Council shall decide upon.

3. That the salary of National Secretary be continued to close of National Convention.

4. That a complete roster of every National Administration be recorded in the new official roster, and that hereafter all National Presidents be instructed to have the record complete at the close of their respective administrations, in order to avoid all possible errors.

5. That the incoming National President be instructed to make another call, through General Orders, for funds to complete the purchase of Andersonville Prison property.

6. That Sect. 4, Art. I., Chap. II., be amended by inserting the following: "That new Corps take the first vacant number on the Department Roster."

7. That the word "annually" be inserted in the place of "quarterly," in Sect. 10, Art. VI., Chap. IV.

8. That all supplies not needed at National Headquarters be filed with National Treasurer, to save the expense of annual expressage.

9. That the Department of Ohio be commanded to refund to the National treasury the full amount of the cost of the Court of Inquiry, appointed by the National President, to try the case of Koons *vs.* Clark, at Canton, Ohio.

10. That all reports pertaining to the National W. R. C. Home be not only published in the Journal, but separately, in pamphlet form, in sufficient quantity to supply the demand for the same.

* 11. That the expenses of Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary of the National W. R. C. Home Board, to the National Conventions of 1891 and 1892, be paid from the National Treasury.

12. That the National Woman's Relief Corps be properly represented at the World's Fair in 1893; that Departments be requested to make no separate exhibits, but unite in National representation.

13. That this Convention appoint a Superintendent, who shall, under the direction of the National President, have full charge of the exhibit during the World's Fair; that she be instructed to procure such assistance as may be needed to carry out the work, the expense of which shall be borne by the National W. R. C.

14. That the Superintendent be paid a salary of not less than \$50 per month, from Jan. 1, 1893, until Dec. 1, 1893, and that all necessary expenses incurred by her in the discharge of her duties be borne by the National organization.

15. That each Department be requested by this Convention to donate \$50 toward the expense of a National exhibit.

* Eliminated by consent of Convention.

16. That all available space be procured in the Woman's Building and constituted Headquarters of the W. R. C., which shall be a welcome retreat for the weary and a protection in case of sickness or need until better cared for; that all necessary conveniences be attached; that each Department be requested to donate decorations for the same, to be sent through their respective Department Headquarters for approval.

17. That, if it be decided by the World's Fair Committee that articles can be sold, that the Superintendent be instructed to procure a suitable souvenir, which shall be sold to assist in defraying the expenses of the exhibit.

I cannot lay aside the cares of office without some feelings of regret — regret that I have not been able to accomplish more for the Order I love, and the consciousness of a severance of official ties that are sweet and sacred, and will be while life lasts. I feel it my duty to bid you be watchful of our triple motto, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," the cabalistic words that bind us to the Grand Army of the Republic. Fraternity is the golden chain that unites sympathetic hearts: may it grow stronger as, one by one, the links of the Grand Army grow less, and brighter shine until the last is broken. Let sweet Charity dwell within your hearts, and may you scatter seeds of kindness that shall grow to bless our Order and mankind. Let the true principles of Loyalty emanate from every heart and tongue, and the love of country be taught the rising generations in such lessons as shall enthuse to noble and patriotic lives. The time has come when every effort should be put forth to this end, that Liberty and Union may ever abide under the Stars and Stripes.

Already the flag of our country waves from the schoolhouses of our land; and now let the gospel of peace and good will to man be preached beneath the nation's flag. I believe the time has come when the Bible, the ballot-box and the flag should now and forever rest side by side upon our country's altar, that their teachings, sentiments and responsibilities may unite to guide the hearts, minds and hands that must preserve us a great and lasting nation.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, W. R. C.
SABETHA, KANSAS, July 14, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam ;

In compliance with the Rules of the Order, my report as National Senior Vice-President is respectfully submitted, through you, to the Tenth National Convention:

One year ago you conferred upon me the second highest office in the gift of our Order; and coming as it did, unsought and by so cordial an endorsement from so many of the Departments, and the unanimous vote of the Ninth National Convention, I have appreciated the honor thus conferred upon me and upon Kansas. I at once expressed to our National President my willingness to respond to any demands made upon me whereby I might be of use to the Order; but, as was anticipated at the beginning of the year, our honored President has been so faithful in the discharge of her duties, that but little has fallen to the Senior Vice to do in an official capacity. But wherever I have been in connection with the work, I have endeavored to do what I could to strengthen our work and encourage our workers. Many social pleasures have been mine in mingling with our sisters, in both local Corps work and Department Conventions.

The first reception tendered me as National Senior Vice-President was upon my return home from Detroit, at Kankakee, Ill., the place where my first married years were spent, where our first-born lies buried; the place from whence my husband's four brothers went forth as volunteers; where, in looking over the membership of Whipple Post, neighbor after neighbor's sons and brothers were among the dead. The name itself of the Post

brought before me our neighbor's boy in his manhood, going forth at his country's call, never to return. Oh, what memories are recalled as the panorama passes! And, as in those dark days, so I found some of the same loyal women in Corps 119, yet caring for the soldier-boys and their needy ones, with many new ones just as earnest in our work. The room was profusely decorated with *sunflowers*, that a Kansan might feel at home. Receptions throughout my own State were tendered me—Emporia, Grenola, Lynden, Beloit, Scottsville, Dodge City and others. In Colorado, I spent some five weeks during the early summer months, and met with a number of their Corps, and was impressed with their capable work throughout the Department. The finest exemplification of the ritualistic work that I have ever seen was given by the ladies of Boulder Corps: not a Ritual in the room—each part rendered from memory and without a mistake. The ladies of Greeley tendered a delightful reception and banquet. At Manitou was the guest of the Corps in sight-seeing and entertainment. When mingling with the Corps of Denver, a retrospective mood came over me. Here the birthplace of the Woman's Relief Corps, in 1883, when the forty charter members knocked at the door of the Grand Army, asking that they be recognized as their Auxiliary; and the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon American women was given us—that of recognition as the Auxiliary of the grand heroes of our land: the men who saved and preserved us a nation. And to what magnitude have we grown! Numbering nearly one hundred and forty thousand members; our Homes established; our relief fund a credit; the reports of relief done, funds expended, army nurses cared for, and work in developing and educating our women that surpasses every other organization.

It was my privilege to visit the Nebraska Convention in Columbus assembled, to hear their deliberations and witness their work; and I must compliment their Department President, Mrs. Amanda Tisdell, upon her able manner in presiding: while firm yet so pleasant, and such an adaptability to each one's needs and the requirements of the hour. Such perfect harmony prevailed, and each member seeming specially careful to do their

part to make a grand success of the Convention. I was invited to act as Installing Officer; and it was my pleasure to install Mrs. Tisdell (who was complimented with a re-election) and her corps of officers. I also acted in the same capacity for the officers of the Department Convention of Kansas.

I have attended reunions at Red Cloud, Pawnee, Nebraska, and Wichita, Sedan and Abilene, Kansas.

While, officially, but few duties have been assigned me, socially I have mingled with our membership; and wherever I have gone have by precept and practice tried to advance the Order and make stronger the bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

In closing the year I desire to again express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and earnestly hope our deliberations may be beneficial, and that, as we review the work done the past year, we may wisely legislate and plan for the future, and the ties formed in our communion one with the other may bind us more closely together.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARGARET R. WICKINS,

National Senior Vice-President.

REPORT OF NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, W. R. C.
COVINGTON, KY., July 19, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,
National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam :

In compliance with the rules of the Order, my report as National Junior Vice-President is respectfully submitted.

I cannot do less than thank the many loving friends who so kindly elected me to the honorable position I have occupied for the last year. I have left undone many things that I would have done except for poor health, as it would have been a great pleasure to have visited the Departments where I was so kindly invited. My work has been all within my own State, and it was there that I was most needed.

Our Department Convention, held at Lebanon, April 28 and 29, was well attended, and the citizens extended to us a hearty welcome.

Our sisters of the East, the West and the North, can not realize what we have to contend with in our labor of love in the South, where the sentiments and the family connections of the people were so largely with the "Lost Cause."

The color question is one that is also giving us much concern. I think in weak Departments like ours that the White Corps should be largely organized and no effort made to push the formation of Colored Corps until that has been done. My experience has shown that, if a Colored Corps is organized in a town first, you will get no other.

We also have another disadvantage to contend with, and that is that many of our comrades were not satisfied with conquering the rebels in general, but had to marry one in particular; and though, as wives and mothers, they are above reproach, yet they are a detriment to us in our work: for a woman's heart will never heal of the wounds given when her loved ones went down in the tide of a losing war.

With thanks to you all for your confidence and esteem,

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY LYLE REYNOLDS,

National Junior Vice-President.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SECRETARY, W. R. C.
DELAVER, ILL., Aug. 11, 1892.

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President, W. R. C.

Madam :

In obedience to the Rules of our Order, I herein submit to you my report of the work of the office and also the growth of the Order, during the year ending June 30, 1892.

The report for the year ending June 30, 1891, represented 29 Departments, 2 Provisional Departments and 44 Detached Corps. During the interval prior to Ninth National Convention, a Provisional Department was established in Virginia, comprising 12 Corps. Provisional Departments were also established in Arkansas, Montana and West Virginia, thereby reducing the number of Detached Corps to 22. As new Corps had been instituted during the same interval, there was at the beginning of this administration 29 Departments, 6 Provisional Departments and 24 Detached Corps.

During the first quarter, U. S. Grant Corps No. 1, Wilmington, Del., was attached to Department of Pennsylvania, and John A. Logan Corps No. 13 to Department of Potomac, thereby reducing the number of Detached Corps to 22.

Owing to the serious illness of the Provisional Department President, Mary A. Sample, it was found impossible to get reports from Virginia as a Provisional Department. Corps were therefore instructed to report direct to this office. Similar circumstances rendered it necessary to give the same instructions with regard to reports of second quarter. It was deemed advisable, for the welfare of these Corps, that they be remanded to Detached Corps.

This was done, and they have reported direct to this office during the entire year, which has proven much more satisfactory to the Corps and has also lessened the amount of correspondence at Headquarters.

The growth of the Order has been very satisfactory. Charters have been issued to Detached Corps as follows: Arizona, 1; Idaho, 3; Louisiana, 1; Tennessee, 1; Utah, 1; Virginia, 1. Charters have also been granted to three Corps organized since June 30, viz.: Geo. Wright Corps No. 4, Post Falls, Idaho; A. H. Terry No. 5, Tampa, Fla.; P. H. Sheridan No. 6, Fernandina, Fla. The Corps at Tampa is the only one in that State auxiliary to a Post of white veterans.

The Provisional Department of Louisiana and Mississippi having been established, and charter of Potomac Corps, Washington, D. C., revoked, the consolidated report for fourth quarter comprises 29 Departments, 6 Provisional Departments and 35 Detached Corps.

Reports show the net gain in number of Corps, 417, and in membership, 13,218. I had hoped to be able to bring a full and complete report of the year's work without one delinquent Corps. In this I have been disappointed, being compelled to report 300 Corps delinquent, with a membership of 12,099. This ought not to be, and Corps Presidents are responsible for such a report, as in most instances it is entirely due to negligence or indifference on their part. Department officers have done their utmost to secure these reports at the proper time. Some have offered special inducements by establishing a Roll of Honor, and giving badges to those reporting promptly; and yet at the close of the year had the mortification of being obliged to report a score or more of Corps delinquent.

The tabulated statement, as given below, shows the number of Corps in each Department, also the membership as reported to this office each quarter during the year: —

DEPART- MENTS.	June 30, 1891.		Sept. 30, 1891.		Dec. 31, 1891.		March 31, 1892.		June 30, 1892.		Gained since June 30, 1891.		Lost since June 30, 1891.	
	Corps.	Members.	Corps.	Members.	Corps.	Members.	Corps.	Members.	Corps.	Members.	Corps.	Members.	Corps.	Members.
California.....	64	2995	64	2976	62	3033	60	2817	58	2846	....	....	6	149
Colo. and Wyo....	32	1056	30	1043	36	1159	35	1220	33	1209	1	153	....	....
Connecticut.....	44	2460	43	2462	43	2549	43	2582	44	2650	....	....	....	....
Illinois.....	125	4829	136	5476	141	5629	161	6229	160	6193	35	1364	....	....
Indiana.....	132	5173	134	5261	154	5836	162	6214	152	6022	20	849	....	....
Iowa.....	191	6587	166	5922	192	6621	204	6906	192	6816	1	229	....	....
Kansas.....	157	4579	172	5407	222	6503	203	6307	222	6910	65	2331	....	....
Kentucky.....	16	449	18	498	14	407	20	540	16	486	....	....	....	....
Maine.....	46	1671	44	1609	48	1694	46	1656	47	1719	1	48	....	....
Maryland.....	13	397	14	439	15	473	14	407	17	589	4	192	....	....
Massachusetts....	142	11187	143	11259	146	11675	149	11944	151	12301	9	1114	....	....
Michigan.....	192	6427	187	6357	214	7120	209	7049	218	7421	26	994	....	....
Minnesota.....	78	2410	84	2541	84	2561	86	2641	90	2768	12	358	....	....
Missouri.....	72	2093	70	2095	76	2227	70	2152	68	2081	....	....	4	329
Nebraska.....	111	2879	114	2940	119	3047	120	3068	130	3398	19	519	....	....
New Hampshire..	59	3095	61	3196	65	3340	66	3353	67	3518	8	423	....	....
New Jersey.....	16	434	15	420	19	485	20	508	20	514	4	70	....	....
New York.....	138	4724	150	4962	155	5222	162	5425	175	5889	37	1165	....	....
North Dakota....	9	261	7	197	7	203	8	223	9	244	....	....	....	17
Ohio.....	270	10875	295	11559	294	11429	308	11689	303	11548	33	673	....	....
Oregon.....	23	717	22	750	26	785	26	850	25	900	2	183	....	....
Pennsylvania....	123	4365	137	4751	146	4870	140	4894	124	4505	1	140	....	....
Potomac.....	7	382	8	433	8	482	8	505	8	560	1	178	....	....
Rhode Island....	13	636	13	678	13	737	15	736	16	740	3	104	....	....
South Dakota....	31	720	27	691	33	781	30	690	31	870	....	150	....	....
Texas.....	6	208	8	253	9	249	9	250	8	240	2	32	....	....
Vermont.....	59	2101	65	2254	65	2283	67	2295	67	2351	8	250	....	....
Washington.....	33	938	28	864	32	919	36	1003	38	1020	5	82	....	....
Wisconsin.....	110	3859	115	3991	119	4008	118	4079	124	4202	14	343	....	....
<i>Prov't Depts.</i>														
Arkansas.....	4	101	....	....	....	....	4	113	....	....	....	12	....	....
La. and Miss....	3	205	....	....	5	283	6	375	8	553	5	248	....	....
Montana.....	....	....	4	79	3	80	6	166	6	191	4	191	....	....
New Mexico.....	4	63	3	45	3	50	1	11	3	48	....	....	1	15
Tennessee.....	3	109	3	106	3	106	4	136	4	142	1	33	....	....
West Virginia....	6	126	6	150	6	161	7	198	6	183	....	57	....	....
<i>Detached Corps.</i>														
Arizona.....	1	38	1	38	1	39	1	41	2	53	1	15	....	....
*Delaware.....	1	19	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Florida.....	3	150	3	153	3	155	3	155	3	158	....	8	....	....
Georgia.....	3	110	2	52	3	102	3	91	3	120	....	10	....	....
Idaho.....	....	....	....	....	1	27	1	32	2	70	2	79	....	....
North Carolina..	2	82	3	84	2	86	2	86	2	93	....	11	....	....
Oklahoma Ter....	....	....	1	22	1	11	1	11	1	11	1	22	....	11
South Carolina..	1	35	1	46	1	48	1	51	1	62	....	27	....	....
Tennessee.....	2	66	2	69	2	69	2	65	3	95	1	29	....	....
Utah.....	2	122	2	111	2	115	2	116	3	174	1	52	....	....
Virginia.....	12	399	12	442	13	458	13	437	13	427	1	38	....	....
† Wash., D.C....	1	283	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	283
	2356	90596	2415	93301	2561	98266	2644	100404	2773	103614	331	13705	12	804

* Attached to Department of Pennsylvania.

† Charter revoked Oct. 30, 1891.

The following shows the financial standing of the Order, and also the number of beneficiaries as reported by Departments at the close of the year:—

DEPARTMENTS.	Relief Fund on hand.	General Fund on hand.	Members assisted.	Soldiers and Soldiers' Families assisted.	Total No. assisted.
California.....	\$3,288 67	\$3,422 18	312	624	936
Colorado and Wyoming.....	794 18	1,613 13	111	387	498
Connecticut.....	1,857 47	4,878 02	254	233	487
Illinois.....	7,701 47	11,311 08	440	1,210	1,650
Indiana.....	3,575 95	4,744 91	548	923	1,471
Iowa.....	3,001 70	7,296 58	291	600	891
Kansas.....	2,305 75	885 88	691	1,130	1,821
Kentucky.....	44 77	154 70	245	99	344
Maine.....	904 44	1,296 87	43	75	118
Maryland.....	378 74	512 41	60	75	135
Massachusetts.....	16,975 95	15,624 78	811	1,228	2,039
Michigan.....	4,132 67	5,110 66	855	1,398	2,253
Minnesota.....	803 65	1,903 26	197	271	468
Missouri.....	1,015 09	1,816 92	82	697	779
Nebraska.....	1,457 27	2,557 68	125	177	302
New Hampshire.....	3,460 64	3,408 25	85	73	158
New Jersey.....	666 37	1,567 72	41	31	72
New York.....	3,622 48	14,940 17	481	757	1,238
North Dakota.....	273 71	282 88	10	11	21
Ohio.....	7,076 09	12,906 59	1,193	2,231	3,424
Oregon.....	352 57	1,533 30	45	71	116
Pennsylvania.....	9,044 47	4,589 30	344	435	779
Potomac.....	149 41	541 78	24	225	249
Rhode Island.....	326 21	658 03	115	84	199
South Dakota.....	164 66	568 32	38	50	88
Texas.....	212 02	584 79	3	25	28
Vermont.....	1,378 08	3,210 90	270	215	485
Washington and Alaska.....	759 65	1,275 30	66	174	240
Wisconsin.....	1,713 99	4,545 92	312	805	1,117
<i>Provisional Departments.</i>					
Arkansas.....	46 85	35 92	4	1	5
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	10 00	147 30	11	15	26
Montana.....	234 06	358 21	3	7	10
New Mexico.....	27 20	127 43	....	1	1
Tennessee.....	46 29	91 98	....	13	13
West Virginia.....	48 87	226 65	6	17	23
<i>Detached Corps.</i>					
Arizona.....	11 50	51 90	....	4	4
Florida.....	8 25	202 90	29	31	60
Georgia.....	16 21	57 00	....	17	17
Idaho.....	5 00	27 75	1	11	12
North Carolina.....	6 50	10 33	13	41	54
Oklahoma Territory.....	....	9 25	....	....	....
South Carolina.....	....	46 26	31	48	79
Tennessee.....	....	4 10	....	8	8
Utah.....	43 08	310 51	6	19	25
Virginia.....	22 36	189 74	108	177	285
	\$77,517 17	\$122,535 81	8,293	14,724	23,017

The expenditures for relief, as reported by Departments and Detached Corps, from June 30, 1891, to June 30, 1892, will be found in the following table :—

DEPARTMENTS.	Expended in Relief.	Turned over to Post.	Estimated Relief other than money.	Total Relief.
California	\$4,460 55	\$1,202 25	\$2,465 95	\$8,128 75
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1,895 12	208 43	1,048 25	3,141 80
Connecticut.....	1,622 09	706 98	1,143 99	3,473 06
Illinois	3,794 46	1,201 45	3,766 46	8,762 37
Indiana	3,176 75	1,314 02	2,215 96	6,706 73
Iowa	4,351 77	1,478 15	2,863 16	8,693 08
Kansas.....	3,990 56	1,636 18	2,617 95	8,245 69
Kentucky.....	454 46	107 09	68 55	630 10
Maine.....	320 32	381 82	443 04	1,145 18
Maryland.....	272 97	331 35	333 34	937 66
Massachusetts	6,979 74	9,470 68	2,451 18	18,901 60
Michigan.....	2,226 56	2,068 91	3,368 30	7,663 77
Minnesota.....	1,376 37	1,021 90	855 35	3,253 62
Missouri.....	2,014 76	345 43	1,720 55	4,080 74
Nebraska.....	1,082 24	972 67	1,127 23	3,182 14
New Hampshire.....	958 62	628 78	255 79	1,843 19
New Jersey.....	312 99	1,386 86	124 28	1,824 13
New York.....	2,323 27	1,774 24	1,957 51	6,055 02
North Dakota	130 01	27 50	69 10	226 61
Ohio	7,425 90	3,200 73	3,298 10	13,924 73
Oregon.....	458 91	427 45	351 75	1,238 11
Pennsylvania	4,035 30	1,735 90	1,766 81	7,538 01
Potomac.....	491 52	10 00	649 61	1,151 13
Rhode Island.....	179 50	108 02	205 35	492 96
South Dakota.....	438 77	199 04	360 44	998 25
Texas.....	72 80	2 50	2 75	77 05
Vermont.....	482 75	576 05	857 47	1,916 27
Washington	729 95	384 45	583 35	1,697 75
Wisconsin.....	3,176 88	966 16	1,577 43	5,720 47
<i>Provisional Departments.</i>				
Arkansas	20 75	.....	.....	20 75
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	227 65	.....	31 50	259 15
Montana	96 50	125 00	27 50	249 10
New Mexico.....	49 80	30 00	.....	79 80
Tennessee.....	101 05	10 20	5 50	116 75
West Virginia	76 08	55 00	53 40	184 48
<i>Detached Corps.</i>				
Arizona	52 50	.....	.....	52 50
Florida	124 50	70 00	6 00	200 00
Georgia.....	126 25	12 00	19 20	157 45
Idaho.....	32 30	.....	32 30	64 60
North Carolina.....	117 20	.....	6 65	123 85
Oklahoma Territory.....	1 50	5 00	.....	6 50
South Carolina.....	68 65	.....	30 00	98 65
Tennessee.....	47 95	3 00	.....	50 95
Utah	169 80	.....	78 00	247 80
Virginia.....	633 15	55 85	89 00	776 00
District of Columbia.....	275 00	.....	13 28	288 28
	\$61,463 63	\$34,138 34	\$38,941 33	\$134,543 30

RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing June 30, 1891	90,396
Gained by initiation	22,002
Gained by transfer	1,446
Gained by reinstatement	21,018
Total gain	44,466
Aggregate	134,862
Lost by death	933
Lost by honorable discharge	3,055
Lost by transfer	2,754
Lost by suspension	12,322
Lost by delinquent reports	12,099
Lost by dishonorable discharge	85
Total loss	31,248
Members in good standing June 30, 1892, 103,614	
Members delinquent, suspended, transferred 27,175	
Total membership	130,789
Net gain in membership during the year	13,218
No. of Corps reporting June 30, 1891	2,356
No. of Corps reporting June 30, 1892	2,773
Net gain in Corps during the year	417
No. of Corps delinquent	240
No. of Corps suspended	60
Loss by non-report	300
Total number of Corps June 30, 1892	3,073
Amount expended in Relief	\$61,463 63
Amount turned over to Posts	34,138 34
Amount expended for Memorial Day purposes	13,140 72
Amount expended for Nat'l W. R. C. Home	4,216 68
Amount distributed to Army Nurses (not in the Home)	1,558 00
Amount expended by Pension Committee	353 27
Total cash expenditures	\$114,870 64
Amount of Relief <i>other than money</i>	38,941 33
Total amount expenditures for the year	\$153,811 97
Total amount of Relief since organization	688,498 87

During the year there has been issued from National Headquarters, 9 General Orders, 28 Special Orders, 17 Dispensations, 11 Charters, 139 Commissions, 75 Copies of Circulars Nos. 1 and 2, 3 National Passwords, National Roster and 120 Army Nurse Certificates.

I regret exceedingly my inability to send General Orders, also the Roster, to Commanders of the various Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic. This was due solely to the fact that I could not procure their National Roster.

I have *twice* written to National Headquarters, Albany, N. Y., asking for a copy of Roster. None, however, has ever been received: hence the necessity for such omission, which I sincerely hope the Comrades will not attribute to neglect on my part.

With the rapid growth of the Order the work of the office must necessarily increase. In this connection I wish to express my hearty appreciation of the good work done by Past National Secretary Hannah R. Plimpton in preparing Form C, as adopted by Ninth National Convention, thereby greatly reducing the amount of labor necessary in examining reports of Department Secretaries. She deserves the thanks not only of myself (which are hereby tendered), but also of National Secretaries "yet to be."

In common with my predecessors, I have been much annoyed, not only with delinquent, but also with incorrect reports. If Department Presidents before appending their signature to the statement as found on blanks, "I have carefully examined this report and find it correct," would take the time to go carefully over each, they would in many instances find the report was *not* correct. All reports must be corrected before being compiled by National Secretary. This necessitates returning them to Department Headquarters, together with letters of explanation, not only causing much extra work as well as postage, but also greatly retarding the work at this office.

While the year has been one of unremitting toil, it has also been fraught with much pleasure. The many bright, cheery letters that have come to me from various officers and members of the Order expressing sympathy and appreciation, have constituted the "bright side." These will ever be cherished on memory's page.

In closing the work of the year, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you, Mrs. President, also to all National and Department Officers, for kindly consideration and assistance in the work.

To the National Treasurer, Armilla A. Cheney, special thanks are due for assistance and much helpful instruction.

And now in surrendering the work into other hands, it is with an earnest hope that the Order may, in the future, as in the past, increase not only in numbers, but also in devotion to those for whom we labor, the Grand Army of the Republic, whose valor gave us peace, whose name and whose fame are immortal.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL TREASURER, W. R. C.,
DETROIT, MICH., July 1, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam :

In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit herewith my financial statement for the year ending June 30, 1892:—

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

ARMILLA A. CHENEY, *National Treasurer, in account with the*
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Dr.

Cash on hand as per last report, General		
Fund		\$6,116 71
Received for <i>per capita</i> tax, first quarter,	\$1,482 40	
“ “ “ “ second “	2,019 85	
“ “ “ “ third “	2,097 30	
“ “ “ “ fourth “	2,077 63	
		<hr/> 7,677 18
Rec'd from sale of supplies, first quarter,	\$1,580 25	
Miscellaneous supplies,	3 73	
Rec'd from sale of supplies, second quarter,	2,969 56	
Miscellaneous supplies,	11 25	
Rec'd from sale of supplies, third quarter,	3,667 45	
Miscellaneous supplies,	12 40	
Rec'd from sale of supplies, fourth quarter,	7,826 52	
Miscellaneous supplies,	37 00	
		<hr/> 16,108 16
Rec'd from Mechanics Bank, interest on de-		
posits		197 76
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Total receipts		\$30,099 81

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$30,099 81
<i>Cr.</i>				
By expenditures, first quarter	.	.		\$3,766 45
“ “ second “	.	.		4,398 26
“ “ third “	.	.		5,967 92
“ “ fourth “	.	.		6,833 34
				<hr/>
Total expenditures,				\$20,965 97
By transfer to National W. R. C. Home				
Fund by vote Ninth National Con-				
vention	.	.	.	2,000 00
“ one-half <i>per capita</i> tax (\$7,677.18),				
for year ending June 30, 1892, trans-				
ferred to Nat'l W. R. C. Home Fund,				3,838 59
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				\$26,804 56
Balance General Fund to new account,				3,295 25
“ National W. R. C. Home Fund,				1,987 17
“ “ “ “ Land “				661 85
“ Andersonville Prison Property Fund,				447 65
“ Jemie Wells Fund	.	.		159 78
				<hr/>
Total cash in all Funds,				\$6,551 70

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

832 Membership Badges, all Grades.	551 Ledgers.
285 Recog'n Badges, bronze.	499 Cash Books.
17 Recog'n Badges, gold.	330 Roll Books.
— Geneva Cross.	241 Order Books.
588 Corps Charters.	849 Receipt Books.
20 Yards Charter Ribbon.	215 General Order Files.
81 Yds. Membership Rib'n.	233 Letter Files.
34 Yards Officers' Ribbon.	12 Blue Books.
376 Emblems.	167 Red Books.
740 Rituals.	228 Large Electros.
429 Corps Service Books.	242 Small Electros.
30 Dept. Service Books.	78 Dept. Order Books.
1,969 Burial and Memorial Service Books.	135 Dept. Receipt Books.
3,511 Rules and Regulations.	1,093 Spec'n Sheets, Ledger.
12,426 Applications for Membership.	1,164 Specimen Sheets, Cash.
1,320 Memorial Day Blanks.	1,437 Applications Corps Charter.
824 W.R.C. Flags.	23,970 Form A.
16,367 Corps Relief Reports.	21,485 Form B.
2,516 Invoices Corps Supplies.	1,094 Form C.
14,090 Arrearage Blanks.	1,094 Form D.
6,363 Corps Treasurer's Bonds.	746 Form E.
12 Department Treasurer's Bonds.	389 Form F.
2,829 Corps Requisition Books.	867 Form G.
256 Sheet Music, Opening Ode.	317 Form H.
912 Initiation March.	337 Form I.
2,714 Ode Cards.	648 Form K.
4,660 Discharge Cards.	53 Form L.
7,362 Transfer Cards.	132 Form M.
5,384 Visiting Cards.	8,090 Form O.
677 Journals.	94 Form P.
	294 Form R.
	174 Form S.
	274 Form T.
	755 Form U.

Total Value of Supplies on hand, \$3,460.04.

ABSTRACT OF SUPPLIES ISSUED BY ARMILLA A. CHENEY, NATIONAL TREASURER, W. R. C.,
FROM JULY 1, 1891, TO JULY 1, 1892.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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DEPARTMENTS.	Badges.	Corps Charters.	Yards Charter.	Yards Memb'ship	Yards Officers' Ribbon.	Emblems.	Rituals.	Service Books.	Burial & Memorial	Rules and Regulations.	Applications for Membership.	Memorial Day Blanks.	W. R. C. Flags.	Corps Relief Reports.	Invoices Corps Supplies.	Arravange Blanks	Treasurer's Bonds.	Corps Requistitions.	Sheet Music Opening Ode.	Initiation March.
Arkansas.....	21	4	1	1	1	200	10	2	.....	.....	40	50	25	50	50	50	5	1	.....	.....
California.....	455	10	1	10	5	200	25	25	.....	.....	300	300	300	500	400	400	50	25	5	.....
Colorado.....	322	.....	1	5	5	35	60	.....	22	.....	300	701	50	.....	433	433	.....	5	10	.....
Connecticut.....	316	.....	13	21	21	51	13	6	10	.....	200	450	100	170	300	1,700	.....	5	5	.....
North Dakota.....	464	4	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	700	700	.....	.....	10	.....
South Dakota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	2,071	25	3	22	12	150	190	75	225	2,000	562	500	100	150	200	200	25	16	.....	.....
Indiana.....	1,560	36	2	17	27	103	260	81	50	1,200	2,100	400	300	300	200	500	100	49	20	.....
Iowa.....	2,041	20	2	30	20	50	180	90	.....	1,200	1,650	400	55	300	300	300	150	34	20	.....
Kansas.....	1,756	24	2	60	52	200	250	70	50	2,300	2,400	500	50	1,700	400	200	200	.....	4	.....
Kentucky.....	93	4	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,200	2,000	400	50	.....	600	400	400	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana, Mississippi	172	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	124	30	5	.....	.....	.....	5	3	.....	.....
Maine.....	98	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	346	6	.....	5	5	54	25	12	.....	675	500	150	100	.....	.....	.....	25	18	12	.....
Massachusetts.....	1,932	.....	2	65	50	445	158	20	16	358	650	50	.....	25	30	100	.....	12	35	.....
Michigan.....	1,691	6	.....	45	32	175	208	41	140	2,600	2,700	350	200	710	1,500	3,000	120	55	20	.....
Minnesota.....	661	.....	.....	17	15	125	100	14	.....	1,146	2,315	250	75	300	900	1,700	42	31	25	.....
Missouri.....	460	16	.....	.....	9	11	5	.....	.....	905	900	200	50	300	200	200	90	20	.....	.....
Montana.....	197	4	1	1	.....	.....	46	10	4	164	200	30	.....	335	100	100	200	4	6	.....
Nebraska.....	1,277	24	2	19	21	115	250	65	103	1,275	1,450	275	.....	1,440	190	1,300	250	37	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	525	.....	.....	20	47	60	72	8	6	850	750	300	18	300	300	750	150	14	10	.....
New Jersey.....	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	125	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	20	1	1	.....	.....	.....	10	2	2	50	50	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	1,882	40	2	24	24	10	320	110	110	1,700	2,150	300	75	.....	400	900	100	20	40	10
Ohio.....	1,688	16	1	28	33	300	250	87	60	1,950	2,150	300	50	300	300	500	310	17	50	10
Oregon.....	407	9	.....	5	50	20	60	.....	.....	843	780	135	.....	170	100	.....	50	50	10	.....
Pennsylvania.....	824	.....	.....	10	15	76	200	75	200	1,300	1,500	500	10	800	.....	1,000	100	.....	6	.....
Potomac.....	284	.....	.....	10	10	33	25	16	100	325	350	25	6	75	50	100	5	5	2	.....
Rhode Island.....	219	5	.....	10	10	.....	40	12	4	175	225	.....	8	50	150	.....	20	1	9	8
Tennessee.....	28	1	.....	6	4	1	6	.....	.....	120	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3	.....	.....
Texas.....	134	1	.....	2	1	.....	40	10	.....	120	250	11	18	576	.....	.....	75	10	8	.....
Vermont.....	404	.....	.....	23	17	100	50	22	15	155	600	.....	.....	50	.....	250	.....	1	3	.....
West Virginia.....	317	21	.....	3	2	70	86	28	.....	425	200	10	.....	400	100	500	75	6	.....	.....
Washington.....	874	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	850	1,000	300	20	500	100	500	200	25	16	11
Wisconsin.....	756	18	.....	10	13	188	160	16	66	850	1,000	300	23	500	260	261	13	9	5	.....
Subordinate C'ps, etc..	342	15	2	.....	.....	.....	84	27	14	333	188	106	29	260	261	265	13	.....	.....	.....
Totals issued.....	24,026	338	23	466	452½	2,685	3,400	968	1,330	26,111	31,056	5,840	926	10,061	6,501	14,568	2,781	467	403	150

ABSTRACT OF SUPPLIES ISSUED BY ARMILLA A. CHENEY, NATIONAL TREASURER, W. R. C.,
FROM JULY 1, 1891, TO JULY 1, 1892.—Continued.

DEPARTMENTS.	Ode Cards.	Discharge Cards.	Transfer Cards.	Visiting Cards.	Journals.	Ledgers.	Cash Books.	Roll Books.	Order Books.	Receipt Books.	Order Files.	Letter Files.	Red Books.	Blue Books.	Large Electros.	Small Electros.	Department Order Books.	Department Receipt Books.	Specimen Sheets Ledger.	Specimen Sheets Cash Book.	Recognition Badges (bronze).	Recognition Badges (gold).	Postage.
Arkansas.....	.....	330	10	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
California.....	.....	330	308	346	6	6	.....	.....	15	40	37	26	70	10	1	1	1	1	12	12	70	47	22.53
Colorado.....	50	160	160	60	5	5	7	7	23	38	11	21	62	1	1	1	1	1	2	.....	25	1	1.46
Connecticut.....	.....	132	88	78	2	.....	.....	.....	4	5	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	199	33	.44
North Dakota.....	200	.....	62	24	9	10	10	9	10	16	15	11	26	.....	1	1	1	1	5	5	10	12	.99
South Dakota.....	600	200	90	115	9	10	58	45	55	91	48	24	125	.....	1	24	2	2	27	17	212	24	1.57
Illinois.....	500	224	322	170	46	36	35	20	41	87	33	16	141	.....	2	.....	2	5	27	17	115	25	.41
Indiana.....	320	100	400	200	20	25	30	25	95	30	30	20	101	.....	.....	.....	10	40	40	40	200	43	.12
Iowa.....	320	100	400	200	25	21	22	25	48	60	20	10	130	.....	2	3	2	2	.....	.....	100	26	1.56
Kansas.....	500	100	400	200	2	2	2	2	8	2	2	2	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.81
Kentucky.....	15	.....	26	4	2	2	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana, Mississippi	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	.....	55	6	2	.....	2	2	24	24	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	50	196	124	72	6	4	4	4	6	13	5	.....	10	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	1	.61
Maryland.....	248	32	68	56	7	8	6	6	7	13	5	50	270	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	450	90	.74
Massachusetts.....	900	410	410	210	54	28	29	29	80	122	56	50	270	.....	.....	.....	4	4	6	6	238	15	.08
Michigan.....	110	215	347	174	19	7	9	5	27	75	18	8	99	.....	.....	.....	1	45	1	45	135	11	1.41
Minnesota.....	325	50	150	100	14	12	8	8	14	29	18	8	50	.....	.....	.....	3	3	6	6	104	7	2.06
Missouri.....	152	.....	100	100	5	2	9	4	18	28	5	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....
Montana.....	124	8	8	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....
Nebraska.....	270	143	283	144	31	25	26	19	26	50	31	3	57	1	.....	.....	1	1	27	27	44	14	.49
New Hampshire.....	300	110	95	60	14	11	11	11	18	38	19	6	38	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	18	1.63
New Jersey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.59
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	1000	316	160	12	40	35	40	25	50	65	35	15	56	.....	10	10	5	5	5	5	530	22	1
Ohio.....	520	405	595	415	38	28	35	23	58	115	41	16	110	8	8	4	1	1	22	22	450	47	1.09
Oregon.....	130	60	20	.....	11	11	13	8	21	6	9	8	31	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	20	6	3.37
Pennsylvania.....	100	100	50	50	31	24	24	18	24	31	25	20	60	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	300	18	.23
Potomac.....	25	50	50	25	6	1	9	7	5	5	12	14	16	.....	2	.....	.....	10	11	11	155	15	.27
Rhode Island.....	108	36	24	12	9	7	8	3	2	10	11	16	34	.....	2	2	1	1	2	2	62	2	1.11
Tennessee.....	45	12	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	10	12	70	20	1	1	1	4	3	5	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	6	65	10	.38
Vermont.....	202	52	52	82	4	2	4	.....	.....	21	17	.....	3	.....	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia.....	30	16	16	16	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	18	30	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	72	.....	.45
Washington.....	165	130	132	44	8	8	4	8	22	14	10	12	37	.....	5	5	6	28	28	28	111	35	.93
Wisconsin.....	250	140	150	24	11	8	8	8	15	57	20	12	37	.....	2	2	1	6	28	28	24	7	.10
Subordinate Corps, etc.	128	21	15	22	10	10	11	10	10	10	9	4	15	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals Issued.....	7,290	3,825	5,185	2,948	511	388	432	341	639	1,167	563	333	1,823	23	42	52	19	57	269	359	3,886	533	\$27.24

ABSTRACT OF FREE BLANKS ISSUED BY ARMILLA A. CHENEY, NATIONAL TREASURER, W. R. C.,
FROM JULY 1, 1891, TO JULY 1, 1892.

DEPARTMENTS.	Corps Secretary, Form A.	Corps Treasurer, Form B.	Dept. Secretary, Form C.	Dept. Treasurer, Form D.	Dept. Secretary, Form E.	Dept. Treasurer, Form F.	Asst. I. and I., Form G.	Dept. I. and I., Form H.	National I. and I., Form K.	Dept. Chaplain, Form M.	Corps Election Re- turns, Form L.	Dept. Election Re- turns, Form N.	Asst. Inspector, Form O.	Dept. Inspector, Form P.	Consolidated Re- port Asst. Nat. Inspector, S.	Consolidated Re- port Dept. Inspector, T.	Report Corps In- stallation, U.	Application for Corps Charters.	Department Requisitions.
Arkansas.....	100	100	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	5	1	.....
California.....	1,450	1,450	.....	.....	22	22	20	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	435	.....	.....	.....	225	10	1
Colorado.....	500	500	.....	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Connecticut.....	500	325	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	50	50	.....	.....	2	10	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	4	.....
South Dakota.....	250	300	.....	.....	14	34	15	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	1,600	1,600	.....	.....	80	91	100	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	900	.....	.....	.....	175	100	.....
Indiana.....	1,000	1,000	.....	.....	13	18	75	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	700	.....	.....	.....	225	56	3
Iowa.....	2,000	2,000	.....	.....	70	60	200	.....	.....	.....	475	.....	700	.....	.....	.....	225	.....	.....
Kansas.....	1,500	1,500	.....	.....	36	44	36	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	220	220	.....	.....	10	10	10	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Louisiana, Mississippi	50	50	.....	.....	10	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Maine.....	500	500	.....	.....	6	6	6	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	50	6	1
Maryland.....	150	150	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	1,750	2,000	.....	.....	28	44	25	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	640	.....	.....	.....	300	112	1
Michigan.....	1,805	1,805	.....	.....	28	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	462	.....	650	.....	.....	.....	225	50	1
Minnesota.....	2,100	2,100	.....	.....	61	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	400	.....	.....	.....	195	450	.....
Missouri.....	700	710	.....	.....	14	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
Montana.....	36	36	.....	.....	9	9	12	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	1
Nebraska.....	2,000	1,000	.....	.....	28	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	610	.....	572	.....	.....	.....	155	100	.....
New Hampshire.....	900	1,000	.....	.....	22	24	20	.....	.....	.....	130	.....	293	.....	.....	.....	100	10	.....
New Jersey.....	175	150	.....	.....	14	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	50	50	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....
New York.....	1,750	1,750	.....	.....	20	20	300	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	800	.....	.....	.....	100	200	.....
Ohio.....	3,025	3,000	.....	.....	52	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	1,100	.....	.....	.....	700	20	1
Oregon.....	225	225	.....	.....	5	5	15	.....	.....	.....	105	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	1,600	1,600	.....	.....	25	62	200	.....	.....	.....	325	.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....	155	200	.....
Potomac.....	100	100	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
Rhode Island.....	100	150	.....	.....	8	8	40	.....	.....	.....	140	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	50	50	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10	.....
Texas.....	20	20	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20	1
Vermont.....	700	700	.....	.....	8	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	345	.....	.....	.....	135	12	1
West Virginia.....	100	100	.....	.....	4	4	12	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	35	1
Washington.....	550	550	.....	.....	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	45	10	.....
Wisconsin.....	4,700	2,020	.....	.....	12	30	2	.....	.....	.....	275	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	12	.....
Subordinate Corps, etc.....	130	130	900	903	.....	.....	52	219	10	352	354	72	150	190	84	6	.....	150	10
Totals issued.....	32,136	28,991	900	903	670	741	1,222	219	10	352	7,009	72	9,364	190	84	6	3,697	1,624	28

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES

AS PER VOUCHERS.

EXPENDITURES FIRST QUARTER, ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1891.

J. K. Davison, badges	\$1,013 22
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing and supplies	1,559 85
Emma Stark Hampton, postage, etc., on Ritual	7 49
Josephine P. Cleveland, inspecting books, Dept. Illinois	8 75
L. A. Turner, badge ribbon for National Convention,	21 35
Emily V. Littlefield, National Chaplain, incidentals,	2 75
Sue A. Pike Sanders, Nat'l I. and I. Officer, incidentals,	22 70
Mary Sears McHenry, Nat'l Hdqrs., incidentals	60 45
Expenses National Headquarters, Hotel Cadillac	140 00
Mary Sears McHenry, Nat'l Pres., travelling expenses,	30 00
Hannah R. Plimpton, Nat'l Sec., travelling expenses,	30 00
Mary E. Knowles, Asst. Secretary, Nat'l Convention,	20 00
Marietta G. Deehan, stenographer, Nat'l Convention,	50 00
Marietta G. Deehan, travelling expenses, board, etc.	45 00
Carrie E. Matthews, typewriter, incidentals, etc.	20 50
Augusta A. Wales, telegrams, National Convention	3 10
Wm. A. Moore, printing and supplies	7 95
Paige & Strachen, wrapping paper, twine, etc.	8 75
Freight and drayage on supplies to Departments	14 13
Sue A. Pike Sanders, Nat'l Headquarters, incidentals,	148 65
Hannah R. Plimpton, expenses to Delavan, Ill.	9 00
Annie Wittenmyer, for Red Book, by vote of Ninth National Convention	200 00
Hannah R. Plimpton, Nat'l Secretary, balance salary,	75 00
Ella Cobean, National Secretary, salary	75 00
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, salary, 3 mos.,	150 00
Telephone Co., telephone services, 3 months	7 50
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, postage, letters and on supplies	23 50
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, express	7 58
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, seals, tele- grams, incidentals	4 20
Total expenditures, First Quarter	<u>\$3,766 45</u>

EXPENDITURES SECOND QUARTER, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

J. K. Davison, badges	\$1,549 86
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing and supplies	1,931 24
E. B. Stillings & Co., insurance on stock	18 00
John Taylor, Beath's Blue Books	18 75
Macauley Bros., badge ribbon	16 45
Oliver Ditson, sheet music, Opening Ode	20 60
Wm. F. Moore, printing and supplies	9 10
E. B. Stillings & Co., postage and mailing Rituals	248 04
Freight and drayage on supplies to Departments, etc.,	12 38
Western Union Telegraph Co., telegrams	1 98
Telephone Co., telephone service, 3 months	7 50
O. Leary & Co., packing picture and shipping	75
Testimonial to Mary Sears McHenry	40 00
Lena Robb, Nat'l I. and I. Officer, incidentals	8 50
National Headquarters, incidentals	126 42
Sue A. Pike Sanders, National President, office help	50 00
Ella Cobean, National Secretary, salary, 3 months	150 00
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, salary 3 mos.,	150 00
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, postage on letters and supplies	29 29
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, express	7 35
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, incidentals	2 15
Total expenditures, Second Quarter	<hr/> \$4,398 26

EXPENDITURES THIRD QUARTER, ENDING MARCH 31, 1892.

J. K. Davison, badges	\$1,730 36
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing and supplies	1,221 11
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing Journal Ninth National Convention, etc.	2,362 20
Sarah E. Fuller, postage on Journals Ninth National Convention	3 45
Macauley & Bros., badge ribbon	13 20
D. C. Jones, flowers voted Mrs. Alger by Ninth Nat'l Convention	8 00
Paige & Strachen, wrapping paper, twine, etc.	6 04
Mary Sears McHenry, expenses Red Book committee,	23 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$5,367 36

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,367 36
Maggie M. Rudisille, inspecting Corps of New Mexico,	36 70
S. O. B. Cummings, inspecting Corps of Utah	3 25
Rebecca S. Davis, inspecting books, Dept. Rhode Island,	70
Anna Wilbur, inspecting books, Dept. Pennsylvania	9 68
Artemesia D. Jones, inspecting books, Dept. Minnesota,	8 19
Augusta A. Platt, inspecting books, Dept. Connecticut,	4 97
Adelaide F. Goodwin, inspecting books, Dept. N. H.,	3 50
Francena M. Powers, inspecting books, Dept. Vermont,	2 85
Freight and drayage on supplies to Departments	11 54
Express on supplies to new and Detached Corps, etc.,	20 32
Western Union Telegraph Co., telegrams	1 59
Telephone Co., telephone service, 3 months	7 50
Cash returned to Department Missouri	52
National Headquarters, incidentals	98 60
Sue A. Pike Sanders, National President, office help	50 00
Ella Cobean, National Secretary, salary, 3 months	150 00
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, salary, 3 mos.,	150 00
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, postage on letters and supplies	30 86
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, express	6 40
Armilla A. Cheney, Nat'l Tr., seals, postals, incid'tals,	3 39
Total expenditures, Third Quarter	\$5,967 92

EXPENDITURES FOURTH QUARTER, ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

J. K. Davison, badges	\$3,595 27
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing and supplies	1,864 13
Wells, Fargo & Co., express on Journals Ninth Nat'l Convention	579 22
Macauley Bros., charter and badge ribbon	43 09
Oliver Ditson, sheet music, Opening Ode	20 25
Freight and drayage on supplies to Departments	29 76
Amer. Exp. Co., express to new and Detached Corps,	22 86
Western Union telegrams	2 30
Telephone Co., telephone service, 3 months	7 50
F. J. Schleede, binding 2 copies National Journals, as per vote Ninth National Convention	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$6,166 38

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6,166 38
W. P. Holliday, charter rolls	1 33
Lizabeth A. Turner, inspecting Corps in Va. and South,	65 32
Hattie M. Holmes, inspecting books, Dept. Missouri,	10 50
Sarah C. Mink, inspecting books, Dept. New York	9 61
Eva Bell, inspecting books, Department California	9 30
Naunie K. Hendig, inspecting books, Dept. Iowa	9 00
Frances E. Hale, inspecting books, Dept. Colorado	5 00
Loretta J. Gorsuch, inspecting books, Dept. Indiana	5 00
Lizzie J. Carpenter, inspecting books, Dept. Ohio	3 60
Vesta Cadwallader, inspecting books, Dept. Illinois	3 40
Emily S. Abbott, inspecting books, Dept. Wisconsin,	3 07
A. L. Seeley, inspecting books, Dept. Michigan	3 00
Emma Stark Hampton, Nat'l Counselor, incidentals	12 71
Emily J. Butterfield, National Inspector, incidentals,	13 25
Lena Robb, National I. and I. Officer, incidentals	9 65
National Headquarters, incidentals	158 28
Ella Cobean, National Secretary, salary, 3 months	150 00
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, salary 3 mos.,	150 00
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, postage on letters and supplies	34 79
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, express	7 00
Armilla A. Cheney, Nat'l Tr., cash for badge returned,	40
Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, incidentals	2 75
Total expenditures, Fourth Quarter	<u>\$6,833 34</u>

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand as per abstract	\$3,460 04
Due from Departments July 1, 1892	161 81
Cash on hand, General Fund	\$3,295 25
“ “ “ National W.R.C. Home Fund, 1,987	17
“ “ “ Nat'l W.R.C. Home Land Fund, 661	85
“ “ “ Andersonville Prison Prop. “	447 65
“ “ “ Jensie Wells Fund	159 78
Total cash on hand	<u>6,551 70</u>
Total assets of all kinds	<u>\$10,173 55</u>

LIABILITIES — NONE.

I feel it an imperative duty to call your attention to the large decrease in assets. In the General Fund we find that while the balance at the close of last year was \$6,116.71, there remains now but \$3,295.25: a loss of nearly 50 per cent.

This will be readily understood when we consider that \$2,000 was voted by Ninth National Convention into the National W. R. C. Home Fund; the furnishing of six Rituals free to all Corps amounted to \$1,620.43; and the issuing of Journals of Ninth National Convention incurred an expense of \$3,277.67: a total of \$6,898.15, or \$781.39 more than the balance in the Treasury last report.

By comparison it will be seen that the sale of supplies has fallen off \$1,690.28 over that of the previous year. Thus is proven that the increase of per capita tax one half cent by last Convention was most wise and opportune.

The experience of the year has demonstrated the necessity of capital, and that the finances cannot be successfully or creditably managed with a reduced treasury; and I earnestly entreat this Convention to bear this in mind in all its legislation.

Sixth National Convention required that quarterly statements should be forwarded to all Departments and Detached Corps of their indebtedness to National Treasurer. This does not imply that payment for supplies should be deferred until such statement is received; but every invoice, upon receipt of supplies, should receive attention and amount be promptly forwarded.

Under the able management of the Board of Directors, assisted by the efficient Matrons, the National W. R. C. Home has prospered and brought cheer and comfort to its inmates. Much time and careful study has been given its financial aspects. The munificent gift of the Ohio Cottage has added greatly to its facilities for usefulness.

We hail with great delight the passing of the Army Nurse Pension Bill; and the small sums it has heretofore been our privilege to bestow quarterly upon some of those noble women will be increased, and we, thus relieved, be the better able to meet the ever-increasing demands of our Home.

As the Andersonville Prison Property Fund is of a temporary nature, and it is expected all amounts therefor will be received

before National Convention, only mention is now made of the amount received, \$447.65; and a complete report will be printed in Tenth National Journal.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. As the badges of National Officers revert with office, but payment is required therefor, I recommend that Sect. 11, Art. XV., Chap. V., requiring payment, be abolished and ordered eliminated from Rules and Regulations.

2. That badges of National Aides and Inspectors also revert with office, and be obtained from their respective Department Treasurers, who shall be responsible therefor.

3. Owing to the difficulty Departments find in sending out W. R. C. flags, would recommend that the staff be dispensed with and the price reduced accordingly.

4. By request, would recommend that Department Treasurers furnish their successors upon retiring from office a list of supplies on hand, also one of such as will be needed at once.

The busy year, that has passed so swiftly, has been fraught with precious memories. It records the continuance of many pleasant relations and the forming of numerous new ones. To *all* with whom I have in any way been associated, I would tender grateful thanks for their kind assistance and many encouraging words.

Touched with the pathos of the past and the ever-increasing needs of our "Boys in Blue" and their dependent ones, let us renew our efforts with increased zeal and purpose, so that the future may show even greater growth and prosperity for our noble organization.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ARMILLA A. CHENEY,
National Treasurer.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME FUND.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To cash on hand last report	\$1,391 99
Transferred from General Fund by vote of Ninth National Convention	2,000 00
Transferred from Jense Wells Fund by vote Na- tional Council	150 00
Received one-half <i>per capita</i> tax for year ending June 30, 1892 (\$7,677.18)	3,838 59
Received from Pensions of inmates	180 00
Received from Departments as follows :—	
Colorado	\$ 30
Connecticut	12 00
Illinois	22 75
Indiana	5 00
Iowa	5 00
Kansas	5 00
Massachusetts	55 00
Michigan	54 00
Minnesota	55 00
Nebraska	2 00
New Jersey	4 06
Ohio	233 17
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Received interest, Mechanics Bank	25 14
Received from all other sources	76 20
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Total receipts	\$8,115 12
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By expenditures, first quarter	\$1,721 14
By expenditures, second quarter	1,799 24
By expenditures, third quarter	1,445 09
By expenditures, fourth quarter	1,162 21
Total expenditures	<hr/> 6,127 95
Balance to new account	\$1,987 17

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

AS PER VOUCHERS.

EXPENDITURES FIRST QUARTER, ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1891.

Groceries, G. & C. W. Searles and others	\$90 22
Butter, Emma Balch and others	32 91
Milk, O. F. Berry	15 35
Meat, E. W. Ingersoll and others	60 04
Fish, A. M. Parker	2 95
Vegetables, George Cook and others	6 48
Fruit, O. F. Berry	5 41
Berries, C. E. Cook and others	13 80
Ice, E. W. Ingersoll and others	7 54
Feed, Halstead & Kellogg and others	11 00
Medicines, Madison Mercantile Co. . . .	14 84
Medical services, A. H. Stockham, M.D. . . .	7 60
Clothing, Madison Mercantile Co. . . .	2 00
Dry goods, J. B. Stephens and others	12 71
Oil, H. N. Brewer	6 36
Coal, W. J. Cornelius	88 08
Hardware, A. F. Miller and others	23 03
Kitchen furnishings, L. K. Ritscher and others	9 70
Fruit jars, G. & C. W. Searles	10 05
Jelly glasses, W. G. Cook & Bro. . . .	53
Box rent, Madison Post Office	25
Repairing shoes, H. Patch	65
Repairing harness, H. C. Gill	50
Repairing carriage, Davet Bros. . . .	75
Blacksmithing, Davet Bros. and others	2 20
Lumber, F. E. Gill & Son	14 35
Delivering coal, Ford & Cowles	2 00
Office supplies, Kate L. Cooledge, Matron	7 74
Extra help, etc., Kate L. Cooledge, Matron	8 90
Incidentals for inmates, Kate L. Cooledge, Matron	1 48
Freight	1 98
Salary, Kate L. Cooledge, Matron	90 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$551 40</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$551 40
Salary, Mattie E. Maynard		50 00
Wages, Maria Excreen		7 89
Wages, Anna Carrigan		46 00
Wages, Frank Berry		54 00
Washing, Kate Mulcahy		29 05
Labor, E. J. Karnes		9 30
Dress cutting, Mrs. J. F. Collister		75

Total Current Expenses	\$748 39
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Expended by Order of Board.

Balance on heater, H. J. Luff & Bro.	\$150 00
Range and fix'rs, stove, Reception Room, C. E. Barnum	100 95
Wardrobes and locks, Berkey & Gay	19 75
Screens and frames, George Lott	26 80
Carpenter work and materials, George Lott	7 25
Moulding, Benj. Bennett	5 22
Painting and papering, J. F. Collister	14 00
Matting and binding, R. B. Kenny & Co	45
Lamps, Ford & Cowles	6 60
Wall paper, J. B. Stevens	97
Insurance on buildings	34 12

Total Expenditures ordered by Board	\$366 11
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Expended by Order of Corps Donating.

Three wardrobes, Berkey & Gay	\$24 00
Furniture, Carpenter & Bennett	18 75
Water sets, Ford & Cowles	14 80
Dry goods, E. M. Potter	1 15
Drapery fixtures, R. B. Kenny & Co.	40
Brush, A. M. Tyler	35
Dust-pan, A. F. Miller	20

Total Expenditures ordered by Corps	\$59 65
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Army Nurses, distribution for First Quarter	448 00
Army Nurses, special aid	15 00

Total	\$463 00
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Expended by Pension Committee.

Engraving Army Nurse certificates	\$64 50
Harriette L. Reed, Secretary, mailing tubes and postage	8 25
Kate B. Sherwood, Chairman, postage, etc. . . .	1 54
Harriette L. Reed, Secretary, postage, etc. . . .	9 97
Total	<hr/> \$84 26

Expenditures for First Quarter as above.

Current Expenses	\$748 39
Ordered by Board	366 11
Ordered by Corps	59 65
Army Nurses	463 00
Pension Committee	84 26
Total	<hr/> \$1,721 41

EXPENDITURES SECOND QUARTER, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

Groceries, G. & C. W. Searles and others	\$ 86 71
Butter, Emma Balch	36 22
Milk, O. F. Berry	14 45
Meat, E. W. Ingersoll and others	52 85
Lard, Ford & Cowles	2 72
Fish, G. & C. W. Searles and others	3 95
Fruit, O. F. Berry	2 68
Vegetables, R. A. Hoskins and others	2 10
Ice, E. W. Ingersoll	1 27
Feed, I. W. Wilcox and others	31 02
Medicines, Madison Mercantile Co. and others	15 13
Medical services, A. H. Stockham, M.D. and others	25 50
Clothing, Madison Mercantile Co. and others	6 18
Dry goods, Madison Mercantile Co.	89
Oil, G. & C. W. Searles and others	10 71
Coal, W. J. Cornelius	55 00
Hardware, L. K. Ritscher and others	2 75
Tools, L. K. Ritscher	30

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$350 43
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$350 43
Box rent, Madison Post Office		25
Repairing, Madison Mercantile Co.		50
Blacksmithing, Davet Bros.		1 20
Freight and express, Kate L. Cooledge, Matron		5 40
Office supplies, Kate L. Cooledge, Matron		3 58
Bottles for catsup, Kate L. Cooledge, Matron		1 17
Salary, Kate L. Cooledge, Matron		105 00
Salary, Mattie E. Maynard		60 00
Wages, Anna Carrigan		54 00
Wages, Emma Keener		33 75
.. Frank Berry		55 00
.. Eugene Prouty		5 00
Washing, Kate Mulcahy		22 85
Total Current Expenses		<hr/> \$698 13

Contingent Expenses of Matron.

Office supplies		\$ 6 88
Freight and express		11 61
Extra labor		14 25
Fish, milk, ice		2 46
Total Contingent Expenses		<hr/> \$35 20

Expended by order of Board.

Furniture, Berkey & Gay		\$154 98
Chairs, Murphy, Wasey & Co.		9 50
Moulding hooks, Benj. Bennett		60
Rubber goods, Madison Mercantile Co.		7 02
Lumber, F. E. Gill & Son		11 01
Stoves, fixtures and scales, A. F. Miller		17 35
Headlight and lantern, Ford & Cowles		4 95
Steam-pipe and labor, C. E. Barnum		3 69
Weather-strips, C. E. Barnum		1 15
Total Expenditures ordered by Board		<hr/> \$210 25

Expended by Order of Corps donating.

Christmas gifts to inmates	\$24 90
Clothing for inmates, J. B. Stephens and others	7 05
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Total Expenditures ordered by Corps	\$31 95

Army Nurses, distribution Second Quarter	\$587 00
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing, blanks, etc.	74 20
Annie Wittenmyer, expenses to Board meeting	30 27
Sarah C. Mink, expenses to Board meeting	25 30
Emma B. Lowd, expenses to Board meeting	39 20
Emma B. Lowd, incidentals	3 64
A. B. Dick, stationery	3 00
Annie Wittenmyer, postage, express, etc.	22 26
Pluma L. Cowles, Sec., postage, express, telegrams, etc.	31 16
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Total	\$816 03

Expended by Pension Committee.

Engrossing Army Nurse Certificates	\$ 3 75
Kate B. Sherwood, Chairman, postage, etc.	71
Harriette L. Reed, Secretary, postage, etc.	3 22
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Total	\$7 68

EXPENDITURES FOR SECOND QUARTER AS ABOVE.

Current Expenses	\$698 13
Contingent Expenses	35 20
Ordered by Board	210 25
Ordered by Corps	31 95
Army Nurses and general expenses	816 03
Pension Committee	7 68
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Total	\$1,799 24

EXPENDITURES THIRD QUARTER, ENDING MARCH 31, 1892.

Groceries, G. & C. W. Searles and others	\$77 02
Butter, Emma Balch	31 89
Milk, O. F. Berry	17 20
Meat, E. W. Ingersoll	49 70
Fish, G. & C. W. Searles and others	3 37
Fruit, G. & C. W. Searles	75
Vegetables, O. F. Berry and others	11 45
Feed, Halstead & Kellogg	5 00
Medicines, Madison Mercantile Co.	14 51
Medical Services, A. H. Stockham, M.D.	22 75
Clothing, Madison Mercantile Co.	4 75
Dry goods, Madison Mercantile Co.	1 80
Oil, G. & C. W. Searles	10 11
Coal, W. L. Cornelius	42 80
Hardware, L. R. Ritscher	95
Kitchen Furnishings, A. F. Miller	3 20
Repairs, L. K. Ritscher	75
Blacksmithing, Davet Bros.	60
Box rent, Madison Post Office	25
Soap, G. & C. W. Searles and others	4 60
Straw, G. & C. W. Searles	3 00
Sundries, G. & C. W. Searles	3 76
Fixtures for headlight, Ford & Cowles	30
Expenses from Denison, Ia., Hannah R. Plimpton, Matron	27 00
Salary, Hannah R. Plimpton, Matron	48 00
“ Kate L. Cooledge, Matron	45 86
“ Mattie E. Maynard, Asst. Matron	60 00
Wages, Anna Carrigan	52 00
“ Emma Keener	22 50
“ Frank Berry	53 00
“ Eugene Prouty	5 16
Washing, Kate Mulcahy	21 25
Dressmaking, Mrs. J. F. Collister	3 00
Nurse, Mrs. E. J. Karns	49 50
Extra labor, Mrs. T. Freeman	9 00
“ “ Eugene Prouty	7 00
“ “ Charlotte Bacon	6 30
“ “ J. F. Collister	2 50
Total Current Expenses	\$722 58

Contingent Expenses, Matron.

Postage, express, freight, supplies, etc.	\$10 23
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Expended by Order of Board.

Stove and fixtures, etc., A. F. Miller	\$61 12
Mattresses, Carpenter & Bennett	6 50
Water tank and labor, L. K. Ritscher	5 10
Cow, N. E. Miner	25 00
Asparagus roots, Daniel Lee	2 00

Total expenditures ordered by Board	\$99 72
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Army Nurses, distribution Third Quarter	\$508 00
E. B. Stillings & Co., engraving letter head, supplies, etc.	96 75
Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary, incidentals	7 81

Total	\$612 56
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EXPENDITURES FOR THIRD QUARTER, AS ABOVE.

Current Expenses	\$722 58
Contingent Expenses	10 23
Ordered by Board	99 72
Army Nurses and general expenses	612 56

Total	\$1,445 09
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EXPENDITURES FOURTH QUARTER, ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

Groceries, G. & C. W. Searles and others	\$68 19
Butter, Emma Balch	42 80
Meat, E. W. Ingersoll and others	47 12
Fish, G. & C. W. Searles	50
Vegetables, Royal Prouty and others	3 86
Feed, E. R. Cowles and others	20 71
Medicines, Madison Mercantile Co. and others	12 98
Medical services, A. H. Stockham, M.D.	15 25
Dry goods, etc., Madison Mercantile Co.	5 22
Seeds and plants, G. & C. W. Searles and others	4 02
Ice, E. W. Ingersoll	3 01
Oil, G. & C. W. Searles	4 46
Wood, N. E. Miner	5 00

Amount carried forward	\$233 12
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$233 12
Coal, W. S. Cornelius	42 02
Ash sifter, C. E. Barnum	2 50
Hardware and tools, L. K. Ritscher	1 37
Kitchen furnishings, G. & C. W. Searles and others	2 60
Repairs (wagon, harness), Davet Bros. and others	3 70
Horse collar and brush, H. C. Gill and others	2 50
Ladder, E. R. Cowles	1 75
Casket and funeral services, C. L. Keener	25 00
Salary, Hannah R. Plimpton, matron	90 00
“ Mattie E. Maynard, assistant matron	60 00
Wages, Anna Carrigan	52 00
“ Emma Keener	11 25
“ Freddie Keener	21 25
“ Eugene Prouty	60 00
Washing, Kate Mulcahy	18 96
Dressmaking, Sarah Mulcahy	7 85
Extra help, Luella Gray	4 00
Plowing, haying, etc., S. U. Veits and others	10 60
Digging grave, Frank Latham	2 00
Total current expenses	\$652 47

Contingent Expenses.

Office supplies, freight	\$8 74
Night nurse for Mrs. Hanson	8 12
Provisions, incidentals, etc.	8 40
Total contingent expenses	\$25 26

Expended by order of Board.

Burial lots, Middle Ridge Cemetery Association	\$75 00
Vines and plants, Daniel Lee	34 90
Washing machine, Daniel Lee	9 00
Poultry netting, staples, A. F. Miller	9 60
Lumber, fertilizer, F. E. Gill & Son and others	23 13
Chickens, Chas. M. Andrews and others	5 00
Fence posts and hardware, Royal Prouty and others	5 79
Mattress, Carpenter & Bennett	3 25
Total expenditures ordered by Board	\$165 67

Expended by order of Corps donating.

Dry goods, J. B. Stephens and others	\$5 59
Dress and trimmings, Madison Mercantile Co.	4 10
Dressmaking, Sarah Mulcahy	90
Water sets, E. R. Cowles	5 00
Rocker, Carpenter & Bennett	2 50
Dust-pan	17

Total expenditures ordered by Corps \$18 26 .

Annie Wittenmyer, Chairman Board, trip to Madison, O.	\$10 00
“ “ “ “ postage, etc.	9 28
Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary, postage, incidentals	10 06
Emma B. Lowd, postage, telegrams, etc.	9 88

Total \$39 22

Expended by Pension Committee.

Annie Wittenmyer, expenses to Washington in behalf of Army Nurse Pension Bill	\$167 47
Harriette L. Reed, Secretary, for same	60 50
Kate B. Sherwood, Chairman, postage, etc., 3d quarter	2 23
Harriette L. Reed, Secretary, “ “ 3d “	9 29
Kate B. Sherwood, Chairman, “ “ 4th “	1 15
Harriette L. Reed, Secretary, “ “ 4th “	2 44
E. B. Stillings & Co., Army Nurse blanks	18 25

Total expenditures Pension Committee \$261 33

EXPENDITURES FOR FOURTH QUARTER AS ABOVE.

Current expenses	\$652 47
Contingent expenses	25 26
Ordered by Board	165 67
Ordered by Corps	18 26
General expenses	39 22
Pension Committee	261 33

Total \$1,162 21

MRS. JENSIE WELLS FUND.

Dr.

To cash on hand last report	\$509 78
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Forwarded to Jensie Wells	.	.	.	\$200 00
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Transferred to National W. R. C. Home	.
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Fund by vote of National Council	.	150 00
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Balance to new account	.	.	.	\$159 78
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TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

ELLA COBEAN,

*National Secretary, W. R. C.**Madam:*

I have the honor to submit herewith a supplementary report of all receipts and expenditures to September 30, 1892:—

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

ARMILLA A. CHENEY *in account with* WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.*Dr.*

Cash on hand, General Fund, June 30, 1892	\$3,295 25
Received for <i>per capita</i> tax	2,133 66
Received from sale of supplies from June 30, 1892, to Sept. 30, 1892	1,603 91
Received from miscellaneous supplies from June 30, 1892, to Sept. 30, 1892	\$23 60
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	\$7,056 42

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By expenditures as per abstract, from June 30, 1892, to Sept. 30, 1892	\$3,304 62
By one-half <i>per capita</i> tax (\$2,133.66), trans- ferred to National W. R. C. Home Fund,	1,066 83
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	4,371 45
Total cash in General Fund, Sept. 30, 1892	2,684 97
Total cash in National W. R. C. Home Fund	1,987 17
Total cash in National W. R. C. Land Fund	661 85
Total cash in Andersonville Prison Property Fund	694 65
Total cash in Jemie Wells Fund	159 78
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Total cash in all funds, Sept. 30, 1892	\$6,188 42

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

FROM JUNE 30, 1892, TO SEPT. 30, 1892.

J. K. Davison, badges	\$1,240 75
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing and supplies . . .	15 20
Wm. F. Moore, printing and supplies	3 15
Macauley & Co., badge ribbon	3 10
M. C. R.R., freight on supplies to Departments . . .	11 87
American Express Co., express on supplies to Detached Corps, etc.	14 85
Telephone Co., telephone service, 3 months	7 50
H. C. Kendall, engrossing certificates honorary mem- bership, Clara Barton, Paul Van Der Voort . . .	40 00
L. A. Turner, frames for certificates	16 50
L. A. Turner, expressage on certificates	1 90
Sue A. Pike Sanders, expenses Ohio Court of Inquiry .	7 20
Annie Wittenmyer, " " " "	19 95
Ella Cobean, " " " "	67 62
Helen S. Morrison, " " " "	35 85
Sarah C. Mink, " " " "	44 46
Jennie Myerhoff, " " " "	41 00
Abbie R. Flagg, " " " "	26 70
Jean Wallace, stenographer " " "	50 00
E. B. Stillings & Co., Record Book of Departments .	18 75
Mary Sears McHenry, compiling same	25 00
Lydia C. Hopkins, Chairman Executive Board, in- cidental	1 10
Ellen M. Putnam, expenses auditing National Treas- urer's books	24 25
Emma S. Hampton, National Counselor, incidentals .	5 55
Sue A. Pike Sanders, National President, office help .	50 00
National Headquarters, incidentals	252 73
Ella Cobean, National Secretary, balance salary . .	75 00
A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, salary	150 00
C. H. Hanson, badges for National Aides	40 00
L. A. Turner, ribbon badges National Convention .	25 95
E. B. Stillings & Co., preliminary reports	393 87
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,709 80</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,709 80
National Headquarters, Ebbitt House, Washington, D.C.	272 75
Sue A. Pike Sanders, National President, expenses to Washington, D.C.	31 00
Ella Cobean, National Secretary, expenses to Wash- ington, D.C.	29 90
A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, expenses to Wash- ington, D.C.	27 70
Addie C. Davis, stenographer, National Convention .	115 00
Addie C. Davis, expenses, Washington, D.C. . . .	47 50
Mary P. Gale, Assistant Secretary, National Conven- tion	20 00
Elizabeth Ballock, type writing for press work . . .	20 00
Committee to G. A. R. Encampment, carriage . . .	1 00
A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, postage, etc. . .	22 22
A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, express	4 50
A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, telegrams, in- cidentals, etc.	3 25
Total expenditures	<hr/> \$3,304 62

ANDERSONVILLE PRISON PROPERTY FUND.

Dr.

Received from Departments and Corps as follows:—

California	\$30 00
Connecticut	9 00
Illinois	342 50
Indiana	25 00
Kansas	3 50
Maine	2 00
Michigan	40 50
Minnesota	13 50
Missouri	40 00
New Hampshire	5 00
New York	34 50
Ohio	95 20
Oregon	5 00
Rhode Island	1 00
Wisconsin	42 95
John A. Dix W. R. C., Ogden, Utah	5 00

Total receipts	\$694 65
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Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

*Arvilla A. Cheney.**National Treasurer.*

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, W. R. C.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 22, 1892.

MRS. ELLA COBEAN,

*National Secretary, W. R. C.**Madam :*

Complying with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, it becomes my pleasant duty to submit the following report concerning the branch of work to which I have been called.

Words can add nothing to the sanctity of the occasion which invests the department of Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps with its holy and Heaven-sent mission. In all the world it has not and never had a counterpart. It is the outgrowth of all the best and highest qualities which the Creator saw fit to implant in the heart of His noblest creation. Undying love, loyalty, patriotism, gratitude, devotion and the martyr spirit of Him who could offer up a life for the good of those who knew him not. All these and much more are contained in the work, both physical and spiritual, of the faithful band of sisters who year by year bring their sheaves to lay at the feet of the husbandman and wait for the "Well done, faithful servant." For the last months they have been falling plaintively upon my ear, and with fidelity and loving recommendations I strive to pass them on to you.

In April last I suggested to the Presidents of Departments, Provisional Departments and Detached Corps, that the time was fast approaching for the first steps to be taken, and that it was to be hoped that "all Corps would be engaged in active service on Memorial Day."

About the middle of May, in accordance with the instructions of the Ninth Convention, I issued a circular letter to all Chaplains of Departments, Provisional Departments and Detached Corps, and enclosed with it blanks to be filled and special instructions therefor, as per copy herewith submitted. A few days later additional blanks were sent to all. Naturally such frequent reminders

aroused to greater activity and brought numerous responses, assuring me of their great interest and desire for prompt and efficient action. Notwithstanding all these precautions, June 20th found in my possession reports from only seven Departments and fifteen Detached Corps, many of these incomplete; while from all over the land came apologies and pitiful appeals for an extension of time, pleading entire inability to secure satisfactory reports, one Department urging the fact that the "blanks had only been received for distribution on the 6th of June," thus leaving them but fourteen days in which to distribute, have Corps reports formulated and returned, consolidated and submitted to Department President for approval, and to be in my hands. In the newness and inexperience of my own duties, I was quite unaware of the existence of any regulation or order contravening a compliance with this, apparently reasonable, request on the part of officers manifestly striving to perform a full duty. Accordingly, on the evening of that day a letter was sent by my direction to Department Chaplains, extending the time ten days, *i. e.*, to July 1st, or if necessary to July 15th, earnestly requesting them to write at once to all non-reporting Corps for an immediate report, and to continue writing till the desired answer was received. On learning, some days later, through General Order, that it was expected that all reports would be at National Headquarters on the 15th, I at once wrote and telegraphed to those whose reports had not been received, requesting their speedy action, that I might comply so far as possible with General Orders. All this has necessitated on my part the writing and sending of over four hundred letters, postal cards and telegrams; but I am happy in being able to report that the gratifying results have richly repaid all effort. Reports are herewith submitted from the entire twenty-nine Departments, six Provisional Departments and twenty-eight out of thirty-four Detached Corps, thus leaving but six Detached Corps not heard from, *viz.*: the Corps at Phoenix, Arizona; Tallapoosa, Georgia; Washington, North Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Berkley and Richmond in Virginia.

The faithful efforts of our sister Chaplains — often laboring under difficulties which we but imperfectly comprehend, located it may be in a new or isolated district, with sparse facilities for information, heavily burdened with family responsibilities and

lightly weighted with this world's goods, and yet earnestly striving to do the Master's work among the living and tenderly remembering the dead—appeals to my heart for a quickened sympathy seldom felt in the busy walks of life.

To the end that the difficulties for them and my sister successor may be lightened, I would venture the following

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That obsolete blanks be recalled, finding as we do that at least three different issues are in circulation, in some of which important questions are omitted.

2. That special instructions to Department Chaplains, wisely suggested by my honored predecessor, the issuance of which at present, by action of last National Convention, devolves upon the National Chaplain, might be incorporated in and made a part of the Memorial Day blanks themselves. Among these may be mentioned the placing of Corps in numerical order on the blank, in order that a missing report may be easily seen and obtained, or checked as not reported.

3. That the monosyllables, Yes or No, be used whenever possible.

4. That the exact or approximate numerical figures be stated in answer to questions requiring given numbers, as: "How many soldiers' graves were decorated?" when answered by "all" or "nearly all," adds nothing to the summary.

5. The general misunderstanding of the question, "How many members' graves were marked with our flag and decorated?" is clearly shown by the impossible responses given in at least one-third of the reports, several Corps of twenty-five members claiming to have thus marked a hundred and twenty-five graves. This misunderstanding suggests a leading question, viz.: "What was the origin and object of the day, and what graves did it propose to decorate?"

6. It would greatly facilitate the labor of the National Chaplain, and tend to the correctness of the statements as a whole, if each Department Chaplain, herself, would prepare and combine the remarks of her Corps Chaplains into a summary of suitable character and length for publication. Divided amongst the thirty-

five Department Chaplains, this labor would fall comparatively light upon each; but devolving as it now does upon one person, with its ever-increasing ratio, it must finally result in a task which no officer would willingly assume.

The special reports and summary show an increasing interest in the day, its objects and work.

Hoping that my little part in this great work may be found as acceptable as it is willingly rendered, I remain

Yours in F., C. and L.,

CLARA BARTON,
National Chaplain, W. R. C.

[Copy.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13, 1892.

To the Chaplain of the Department of ———, W. R. C.

My Dear Sister:

In accordance with action taken at the Ninth National Convention, W. R. C., at Detroit, in 1891, directing the National Chaplain to take measures for securing prompt and uniform reports of Memorial Day Exercises, I enclose herewith a copy of instructions, with request that, if possible, the report be forwarded me not later than June 20, next.

It is a sacred pleasure to remind you of the near approach of the day set apart from all others for the duty nearest the heart of every loyal American. It knows no bond of sect, sex, and scarcely of nationality. Upon the hearts of the aged grandsire, the father, brother, mother, wife and child, the memory of this day falls like a benediction. Time has softened the agony of the first bitter pangs; a feeling of something given up for the sake of human kind—the personal tribute to patriotism so high that only life blood and human sacrifice could reach it—has grown up in their place, as the verdure of time covers the bare earth of the new-made grave: and out of it all has grown the beautiful custom of the hallowed day we meet to observe and honor—the day set apart for us by the eagle-eyed Commander, whose clear vision saw always the end from the beginning and whose quiet rest your grateful offering will not disturb.

Let us make it, sisters, a day of general absolution and consecration. Let the strong lead the weak, and, kneeling on the flower-girt mounds, bless God that in that great hour of peril we had each and all something worthy to sacrifice, and pledge anew the willingness of spirit which alone can make patriots deserving the name.

Very sincerely yours, in F., C. and L.,

(Signed)

CLARA BARTON,
National Chaplain, W. R. C.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Chaplains of Departments and Detached Corps, W. R. C., will fill out the enclosed reports and return to me as early as possible, not later than June 20, 1892.

CLARA BARTON,

National Chaplain, W. R. C.,

Washington, D. C.

At top of page state —

Name of Department or Corps and date.

Name, No., location (as to city or town and State), and membership of each Corps.

Answer all questions as fully as possible, or state why not.

Mention items of interest as to the work done by your Department or Corps.

Department Chaplains will please add their columns, in order to give at a glance a complete summary of work performed.

At bottom of page state —

Date, sign your name as Chaplain, and forward immediately to your President, who will properly endorse, sign and forward at once to the National Chaplain.

I most earnestly recommend that so far as practicable the children be made a prominent feature in the work, singing songs, strewing flowers, etc. Thus may be best perpetuated the principles of patriotism and loyalty which we have espoused.

DEPARTMENTS.

CALIFORNIA.

Mary Farmer says that "From all Corps there are reports of unusual interest exhibited by all classes, especially among the school teachers and children who took part in the impressive ceremonies. Many beautiful floral pieces, thousands of boutonnieres, bouquets, wreaths and baskets of flowers were contributed to cover the graves of those who gave their lives to save this glorious and beautiful country. Many fine programmes were rendered. A few more fleeting years and the last old comrade will be laid to rest, and it will be left for the Sons of Veterans and the Women of the W. R. C. to do their work and lay the flowers gently on their graves. Many flowers were sent by the box to Corps in Nevada and Arizona. The Unknown Dead and our dear old Generals, Logan, Sherman, Grant and others, were

not forgotten. Let the deeds of heroism of these brave hearts be extolled, their praises sung, their names perpetuated, and our children instructed in regard to what this glorious country—their heritage—cost in blood and agony and tears: ‘The land of the free, the home of the brave.’”

No. of Corps in Department	66
No. of Corps reporting	58
Membership reported	3,193
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services .	49
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	2,609
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	3,364
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	2,374
No. of members' graves decorated	129
No. of Corps contributing flowers	55
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	11
No. memorials to “Unknown Dead” and Battle-Fields	53
Amount of expense incurred	\$217.23

COLORADO AND WYOMING.

Mary A. Condit sends a fine summary and recapitulation and says: “The Corps in this Department are very patriotic in the observance of Memorial Day, and every year shows a growing interest among the citizens; and the school children are being educated to follow in the ‘paths their fathers trod.’”

No. of Corps in Department	34
No. of Corps reporting	34
Membership reported	1,219
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	34
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	684
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	2,041
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	1,140
No. of members' graves decorated	8
No. of Corps contributing flowers	28
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	8
No. memorials to “Unknown Dead” and Battle-Fields	28
Amount of expense incurred	\$243.85

CONNECTICUT.

Maria M. C. Richards sent a fine recapitulation and reports a very general observance of Decoration Day and services in many churches Sunday. Many memorials prepared for "Unknown Dead" and a very great quantity of flowers donated for decorating. Many children joined in the good work. The public generally attended the ceremonies in halls and parks, where there were many loyal speeches and songs. Everything speaks of strong, earnest life in the Corps.

No. of Corps in Department	44
No. of Corps reporting	44
Membership reported	2,708
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	31
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	1,258
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	5,224
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	3,897
No. of members' graves decorated	17
No. of Corps contributing flowers	43
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	21
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	43
Amount of expense incurred	\$116.70

INDIANA.

Elizabeth Miller reports that "the day was observed with solemnity and will long be remembered. More interest manifested and floral decoration more profuse and lovely than ever before, although violent storms prevailed in many places, necessitating the use of another day. The children were made a prominent part in these observances. Rolls of honor of the dead whose graves were to be decorated and those who died in Libby Prison were called. Generous donations to various Corps are reported. In some cases conveyances were furnished free of cost, in others all expenses were borne by the Post, and still others Sabbath collections were presented. The leading feature in our Indiana report is that the children are learning love of country and of our flag so naturally and beautifully. All is done so lovingly."

No. of Corps in Department	173
No. of Corps reporting	157
Membership reported	5,991

No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	131
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	3,655
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	10,647
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	13,402
No. of members' graves decorated	1,369
No. of Corps contributing flowers	152
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	11
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	120
Amount of expense incurred	\$630.61

ILLINOIS.

Salome F. Wilson sends a very full report and fine recapitulation, and reports greatly increased interest manifested everywhere and flowers in great abundance. Large numbers of children took part in services, both in the singing and in the decoration of graves. Numerous and beautiful memorials to the "Unknown Dead" were prepared, and citizens generally took part in the many public services held throughout the State. Many flags, flowers and sums of money sent for National Cemeteries at Nashville and Stone River.

No. of Corps in Department	183
No. of Corps reporting	173
Membership reported	6,860
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	146
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	3,809
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	8,607
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	17,609
No. of members' graves decorated	90
No. of Corps contributing flowers	174
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	21
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	136
Amount of expense incurred	\$824.77

IOWA.

Emily Alder, in her very complete report and fine summary and recapitulation, tells much of interest that the limited space will not permit to be given here. Although rain interfered in many places with the outdoor exercises, great interest in Sunday and Memorial Day exercises was manifested and both were largely

attended. In many places the public schools came in a body and business houses were closed. Some Corps decorated the graves of soldiers' wives who were not members of the W. R. C., and many memorial camp-fires were held. Flowers were profuse and beautiful, and designs original and abundant. Sons of Veterans, college students, young girls and children assisted in decoration services in many places, and great interest among citizens generally is reported by various Corps. The "Unknown Dead" were everywhere remembered, many Corps had elaborate and unique designs to their memory, and 14 monuments to them were beautifully decorated. At Clinton, a soldiers' monument valued at \$1,200 was erected, to which the Corps gave \$300. Fort Dodge Corps presented a handsome silk flag to Co. G, Sixth Regt. The West Union Corps presented a flag to the public schools, and a quantity of rare flowers from Louisiana were used for the decoration of soldiers' graves. At Marion the Cold Water Army, 90 boys, marched in procession, their banner being a large pail made of evergreens.

No. of Corps in Department	255
No. of Corps reporting	200
Membership reported	7,285
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	179
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	4,485
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	14,821
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	6,921
No. of members' graves decorated	28
No. of Corps contributing flowers	203
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	14
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	153
Amount of expense incurred	\$594.89

KANSAS.

Mary K. Holland says only about one-half of the Corps reported. Many were deterred from taking part in decoration services by severe storms and high water. Great interest, beautiful services and abundance of flowers are reported by those who were so engaged and took an active part in the work.

No. of Corps in Department	245
No. of Corps reporting	124
Membership reported	4,053

No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	114
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	3,110
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	4,710
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	1,409
No. of members' graves decorated	5
No. of Corps contributing flowers	119
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	16
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	105
Amount of expense incurred	\$450.76

KENTUCKY.

Belle Adams reports that the services were very beautiful and long to be remembered, flowers very profuse and the greatest interest was shown. The decoration of National Cemetery was more cordially attended and more people took part than ever before.

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	17
Membership reported	468
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	16
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	383
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	870
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	10,481
No. of members' graves decorated	2
No. of Corps contributing flowers	17
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	9
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	11
Amount of expense incurred	\$124.50

MAINE.

Welthie F. Murch says severe rains interfered with the services in many places. The ladies turned out unusually well and manifested much more interest than ever before in the work. The children took an active part in the service, large quantities of flowers being provided by them. A memorial service was held at Saco in memory of the "Unknown Dead." An empty chair draped in black was prepared to the "Unknown Dead." The Eastport Corps wore a black bow with a rose above their badges.

No. of Corps in Department	56
No. of Corps reporting	35
Membership reported	1,303
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	32
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	740
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	1,205
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	2,345
No. of members' graves decorated	4
No. of Corps contributing flowers	34
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	25
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	29
Amount of expense incurred	\$114.94

MARYLAND.

Mary E. Frey says: "It was the best Memorial Day we ever had. The weather was fine, though warm. Attendance very large. Dodge Corps and Forty-six W. R. C. of Baltimore assisted in services and decoration of graves of our fallen heroes at Antietam."

No. of Corps in Department	16
No. of Corps reporting	15
Membership reported	476
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	9
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	356
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	275
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	1,821
No. of members' graves decorated	1
No. of Corps contributing flowers	14
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	4
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	5
Amount of expense incurred	\$35.00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Sarah C. Walkley makes a very complete and interesting report. She says: "Elaborate and beautiful decorations were prepared for the graves of the Nation's dead, and many of the living heroes wore a choice memento of the day. The graves of members were also decorated. 115 Corps prepared memorials to the "Unknown Dead" and those who sleep on Southern battle-

fields, and many remembered the Army Nurses. Children had a special share in the observance of the day. By a law of Massachusetts, every school within her borders was obliged to have appropriate memorial exercises during the last session preceding Memorial Day. No additional words are necessary to show the increasing interest of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department in Memorial Day—a day from which come inspiring voices telling the youth from generation to generation how great is their country's worth and cost, and how noble and beautiful it was to die for it."

No. of Corps in Department	152
No. of Corps reporting	152
Membership reported	12,324
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services . .	134
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	5,134
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	9,921
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	19,911
No. of members' graves decorated	807
No. of Corps contributing flowers	141
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	114
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	116
Amount of expense incurred	\$1,851.69

MICHIGAN.

Lucy D. Reed, in her splendid report, says this annual assemblage to do honor to our fallen heroes was unusually enthusiastic and interesting, and observed by all people. Business houses closed, boys and girls took an active part in the services, as did also State Militia, Sons of Veterans, Odd Fellows, etc. Bouquets and baskets of flowers, wreaths, broken columns, were most abundant. At Kalamazoo the students raised a flag. Special monuments were prepared in many places to the "Unknown but not forgotten dead," and draped and decorated, some in flowers and some in evergreens. The Chaplain of the Adrian Corps says: "Would there were less display and more solemnity, as it brings up sad recollections and opens fresh wounds to many that God alone can help."

No. of Corps in Department	228
No. of Corps reporting	223
Membership reported	7,378

No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	188
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	5,035
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	15,580
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	9,051
No. of members' graves decorated	296
No. of Corps contributing flowers	202
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	76
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	185
Amount of expense incurred	\$1,162.42

MINNESOTA.

Nettie A. Lewis says: "There has been no diminution of interest in our work, either in special or memorial efforts; and if the beautiful and touching details could be sent, you would realize that our love, loyalty and patriotism was of a vigorous and bracing character, like our climate in general. Minnesota does nothing by halves, and W. R. C. interests are no exception to the general rule; and we who love the Order and stand where we can 'view the landscape o'er,' see much to encourage us in the way the solemn significance of these beautiful ceremonies has taken hold of the hearts of the people. Surely, it means something when business houses close, ministers leave their studies, and judges their seats on the bench, and mingle with the common people in simple services, directed by gray, crippled men and working women and school children. Surely, memory is eternal."

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	81
Membership reported	2,874
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	77
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	1,848
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	6,947
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	38
No. of members' graves decorated	none
No. of Corps contributing flowers	82
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	28
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	71
Amount of expense incurred	\$163.52

MISSOURI.

Susan D. Thompson says that many reports were made as to the inclement weather being especially bad for the children to come out. The Corps in St. Louis joined in decorating the monument of General Grant with flowers and emblems. There were six deaths of members reported, and the graves were all decorated by loving hands.

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	54
Membership reported	1,716
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	43
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	985
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	1,328
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	18,357
No. of members' graves decorated	6
No. of Corps contributing flowers	54
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	8
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	36
Amount of expense incurred	\$170.84

NEBRASKA.

Nellie M. Richardson reports exercises unusually solemn and impressive and that the memories of the past were brought forward to accentuate the blessings of the present. Handsome decorations were seen on all graves of the soldier dead. The children represented States by flowers, and other beautiful services were rendered. Each year brings added enthusiasm for the day, more honor to living and more grateful offerings for those who rendered such loving service to our country in her hour of peril. I wish a description of the many beautiful devices in honor of the "Unknown Dead" could be given.

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	93
Membership reported	2,649
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	83
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	1,885
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	8,257
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	1,053

No. of members' graves decorated	8
No. of Corps contributing flowers	81
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	19
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	87
Amount of expense incurred	\$660.14

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Parthenia W. Baker sends a fine report and summary and says all Corps report a deep and earnest interest in the noble work. Large quantities of Spring's bright flowers, in the form of pillows, crosses, wreaths, baskets, bouquets and potted plants, were used in decorating the graves of our "brave ones who never came back." Nearly every Corps reports special and elaborate work, wreaths and bouquets for nearly every grave. A monument, erected by the efforts of Q. W. Lull Corps No. 5, to the "Unknown Dead," was dedicated and unveiled.

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	67
Membership reported	3,583
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	61
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	1,728
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	2,776
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	6,128
No. of members' graves decorated	165
No. of Corps contributing flowers	62
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	50
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	51
Amount of expense incurred	\$426.55

NEW JERSEY.

Mary E. Lacy says: "The greatest interest was manifested everywhere. Among the special work reported was a box sent by Kearney Janeway Corps to the Soldiers' Home, to the amount of \$18.42, thus remembering the living heroes; while the children of the public schools of Trenton furnished all the flowers and 450 plants for the Soldiers' Cemetery. The Corps dedicated two handsome vases to the 'Unknown Dead.' Flemington soldiers and citizens erected a monument, and other Corps report pleasing programs."

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	18
Membership reported	484
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	13
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	282
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	1,436
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	not stated
No. of members' graves decorated	not stated
No. of Corps contributing flowers	17
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	11
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	13
Amount of expense incurred	\$65.91

NEW YORK.

Mary Andres, in her most excellent report, says the Memorial Services were the most impressive held in years. Special designs were prepared by many Corps for soldiers' monuments, "Unknown Dead," etc. The flag presented to the 72d Regiment in 1862, was presented to W. O. Stevens Corps on this day. That increased interest and enthusiasm has been felt by the W. R. C. of New York, has been clearly manifested by the many letters received from all parts of the Department, as well as numerous letters from Post Commanders expressing their sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered them by their helpful auxiliaries.

No. of Corps in Department	195
No. of Corps reporting	187
Membership reported	5,709
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	116
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	3,313
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	7,687
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	16,769
No. of members' graves decorated	177
No. of Corps contributing flowers	149
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	61
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	125
Amount of expense incurred	\$935.60

NORTH DAKOTA.

Mary E. Matthews reports that Sabbath Memorial and Decoration Days were generally observed by Posts, Corps, Sons of Veterans, citizens and children, and much interest manifested by all. The children took an active part in the services, which were most solemn and impressive.

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	9
Membership reported	241
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	7
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	146
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	132
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	68
No. of members' graves decorated	not stated
No. of Corps contributing flowers	8
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	2
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	7
Amount of expense incurred	\$12.49

OHIO.

Annie C. McMeens says: "It was a typical Memorial Day — sunshine and flowers. The interest was greater and the attendance much larger than usual. Business was suspended and citizens and military vied with each other to make the day a success. Most Corps report using the new service for the 'Unknown Dead' and considered it very beautiful and effective. The floral tributes were numerous and handsome. The dear children brought flowers in profusion, and at the Xenia Home the soldiers' orphans took part in the services. We feel that our country is safe when such lessons are taught the children. Finley Corps sent flags for the tomb of the 'Unknown Dead' at Chattanooga National Cemetery. The Sidney Corps used a box of flowers 'From an unknown friend at Knoxville, Tenn., as Memorial to Unknown Dead.'"

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	299
Membership reported	12,192
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	266

No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	7,269
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	23,068
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	9,017
No. of members' graves decorated	29
No. of Corps contributing flowers	299
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	22
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	290
Amount of expense incurred	\$814.00

OREGON.

Emma A. Tomlinson reports that the day was well observed throughout her Department. At Portland the Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Home Guards, 400 sailors from the U. S. Cruisers *Baltimore* and *Charleston*, and the W. R. C., took part in the most interesting services.

No. of Corps in Department	not stated
No. of Corps reporting	25
Membership reported	1,037
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	22
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	590
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	2,742
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	511
No. of members' graves decorated	9
No. of Corps contributing flowers	25
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	4
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	20
Amount of expense incurred	\$98.41

PENNSYLVANIA.

Maria Allen says: "The beautiful month of May brings with it Memorial Day, made sacred to our soldier dead. Great interest was manifested everywhere, and the day better observed than ever before. The children were a prominent feature in the services. The flowers were profuse and beautiful. Among the many designs were broken columns, stacked guns, shields, chairs, etc. At Pittsburgh the school children contributed 4,000 potted plants, and at New Brighton the merchants donated potted plants. The Allentown Corps presented a flag to the Post for the Soldiers' Cemetery." She also sends a fine summary.

No. of Corps in Department	155
No. of Corps reporting	138
Membership reported	5,006
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	77
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	2,240
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	9,578
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	12,911
No. of members' graves decorated	121
No. of Corps contributing flowers	138
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	44
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	86
Amount of expense incurred	\$467.52

POTOMAC.

Mary C. Davenport says: "Arlington never looked lovelier. The day will never be forgotten by those who aided in the work of love," and "will ever be a fertile spot in our memories, as it was to us the most harmonious on record." The various Corps assisted their Posts in the special decorations of the statues in the city of our dead heroes. All patriotic organizations joined in the sacred observances of the day at Arlington, Soldiers' Home, Congressional Cemetery, etc. The tomb of the "Unknown" at Arlington was elaborately decorated, special remembrances being sent there by all organizations. Among the many beautiful offerings to this tomb, the American flag in natural flowers, from President Harrison, was the most noticeable.

No. of Corps in Department	8
No. of Corps reporting	8
Membership reported	512
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	5
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	358
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	135
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	not stated
No. of members' graves decorated	1
No. of Corps contributing flowers	8
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	2
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	4
Amount of expense incurred	\$61.78

RHODE ISLAND.

Sarah J. Marsh shows by her report that nearly one-half of the Corps membership of the State was actively engaged on Memorial Day. Many children participated in the services of the day. At Pawtucket a special design was prepared: a broken column eight feet high, with a double base, entirely of laurel, with inscription of white immortelles, "To the Unknown Dead." The new Arkaway Corps sent tribute to the "Unknown Dead," and also a wreath, cross and bouquet to the grave of each soldier.

No. of Corps in Department	16
No. of Corps reporting	16
Membership reported	791
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services .	11
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	354
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	740
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	not stated
No. of members' graves decorated	not stated
No. of Corps contributing flowers	12
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	10
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	7
Amount of expense incurred	\$83.73

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Abi T. Huntley reports Memorial services on Sunday were fully attended. On Memorial Day itself all flags were at half-mast; the day was devoted to the memorial service at various points. The old soldiers, W. R. C., children and citizens turned out well and united in the services of the day.

No. of Corps in Department	36
No. of Corps reporting	29
Membership reported	787
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services .	25
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	421
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	623
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	254
No. of members' graves decorated	3
No. of Corps contributing flowers	32
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	9
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	28
Amount of expense incurred	\$51.89

TEXAS.

Nancy Corse says it was the best ever seen in the State. Flowers were strewn in profusion on the graves of the Blue and Gray. Sabbath services were held at the churches. Posts of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps met in Grand Army Hall, in Dallas, and marched in a body to the Episcopal church, where a special sermon was preached to them, followed by an address by the son of a veteran, who thrilled all present by his eloquence.

No. of Corps in Department	6
No. of Corps reporting	4
Membership reported	126
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services	2
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	68
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	99
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	1,095
No. of members' graves decorated	not stated
No. of Corps contributing flowers	4
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	1
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	3
Amount of expense incurred	\$45.75

VERMONT.

Harriet M. Whipple reports a very rainy day in many parts of the State. Citizens generally observed the day and the schools were opened for special exercises. The children gathered and furnished many flowers. Memorial services were held at the Soldiers' Home at Bennington. At Barre, Mrs. Lucy Wood, aged 106 years, assisted in the services. Hancock Corps, at Montreal, Canada, took an active part in the work of the day. This is the only Woman's Relief Corps outside the United States.

No. of Corps in Department	68
No. of Corps reporting	68
Membership reported	2,411
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services	59
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	1,246
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	2,412
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	3,746

No. of members' graves decorated	80
No. of Corps contributing flowers	68
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	40
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	49
Amount of expense incurred	\$372.46

WASHINGTON.

Mattie S. Brant says: "Again has come the sad and yet pleasant duty of strewing over the graves of our heroic dead flowers fresh culled, with tenderest thoughts of those who gave up their lives to perpetuate our happiness. We love to make their resting place sweet with fragrant flowers; and as we with loving hands and tender hearts perform this memorial duty, let us not forget to make the *last* days of the living their *best* days, and be ever ready to give them the needed aid and sympathy. Never before has so much interest been manifested or the day so generally observed. Everywhere the children took active part in the services and flowers were unusually plentiful."

No. of Corps in Department	48
No. of Corps reporting	34
Membership reported	1,039
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services .	30
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	709
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	3,403
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	416
No. of members' graves decorated	not stated
No. of Corps contributing flowers	34
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	15
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	25
Amount of expense incurred	\$114.88

WISCONSIN.

Eliza Strangeway says: "Again has the sweetly solemn day — the Nation's Sabbath — been observed by our grateful, loyal people, in spite of the rain that prevailed in three-fourths of the State. The floral offerings were profuse. The most unique of the many beautiful designs was, perhaps, the low green tent with silken flag at the head and basket of lilies of the valley at

the foot, prepared for the 'Unknown Dead' by the Brodhead Corps, and a pedestal covered with alternate rows of red, white and blue flowers, on which stood a chair covered and festooned with flowers and draped with our National colors and a knot of black crape."

No. of Corps in Department	130
No. of Corps reporting	120
Membership reported	4,110
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services .	109
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	2,363
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	9,802
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	7,326
No. of members' graves decorated	not stated
No. of Corps contributing flowers	119
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	33
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	90
Amount of expense incurred	\$813.63

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS.

ARKANSAS.

Sarah Canfield reports generous contributions of flowers and much interest in the services. At Fayetteville "the orator of the day used as a text, 'One Country, One Flag,' and delighted all, both sides alike."

No. of Corps in Department	4
No. of Corps reporting	4
Membership reported	112
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services .	2
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	74
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	250
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	2,233
No. of members' graves decorated	1
No. of Corps contributing flowers	4
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	1
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	not stated
Amount of expense incurred	\$52.00

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI.

Francis Grooms says "Every Corps attended the Memorial Services on Sunday. At Chalmette National Cemetery forty-four little girls, under the direction of the W. R. C., strewed flowers. For the first time since its organization the W. R. C. took a prominent part in the services. Never before have our citizens turned out in such numbers to pay tribute to and decorate graves of our Nation's fallen heroes."

No. of Corps in Department	8
No. of Corps reporting	8
Membership reported	550
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services	8
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	537
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	117
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	2,150
No. of members' graves decorated	none
No. of Corps contributing flowers	8
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	8
No. of memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	none
Amount of expense incurred	\$95.00

MONTANA.

Helen C. Dolman says: "There was much interest taken in Memorial Day, although rain interfered somewhat with the parade; but the services at the cemetery were fully carried out by a large number of veterans, ladies and citizens. They were not cowards in other days when they faced showers of shot and shell, and would not retreat for rain, Nature's tears in sympathy with their own hallowed feelings, as they gathered around the resting place of the heroic dead, in the sacred observance of Memorial Day. Memorial Day in Butte was an educator to our foreign population and an inspiration to us. The procession was over a mile long. Fully 8,000 people congregated at the two cemeteries, showing the growing interest in this solemn and patriotic custom. Wreaths of evergreen, in the center of which was placed an exquisite bouquet of roses and carnations, tied with white ribbon, were laid on each grave. We also used 48 large bouquets, besides baskets of loose cut flowers, to which the public

were invited to help themselves. Wreaths had been prepared for 'Unknown Dead.' Our hearts were full when the sad, impressive services were over. Though few in number, the influence of the Woman's Relief Corps of Montana has been widespread. A greater number of the graves of our Nation's honored dead have been strewn with flowers than ever before."

No. of Corps in Department	7
No. of Corps reporting	7
[Membership reported	207
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	4
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	160
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	247
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	201
No. of members' graves decorated	1
No. of Corps contributing flowers	7
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	2
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	6
Amount of expense incurred	\$532.31

NEW MEXICO.

M. S. McFie, Provisional President of the Department, writes: "Have waited for one Corps, but cannot wait any longer; fear they are quite extinct, as they are so isolated, off in a corner of the Territory and very far from each other and out of all railroad communications."

No. of Corps in Department	4
No. of Corps reporting	3
Membership reported	51
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services .	3
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	35
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	40
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	84
No. of members' graves decorated	not stated
No. of Corps contributing flowers	3
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	not stated
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	1
Amount of expense incurred	none

TENNESSEE.

Cynthia L. Seaman reports great interest shown everywhere, and that all the graves in the National Cemeteries at Chattanooga and Knoxville, and soldiers' graves at Prospect Hill, were decorated by her Department. Evergreen wreaths from James Bryant Corps, No. 54, of Minneapolis, Minn., were used for the "Unknown" graves at Chattanooga.

No. of Corps in Department	4
No. of Corps reporting	4
Membership reported	138
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	4
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	119
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	2
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	16,231
No. of members' graves decorated	none
No. of Corps contributing flowers	4
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	1
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	3
Amount of expense incurred	\$15.00

WEST VIRGINIA.

Mary V. Reed says the attendance was large and the day will not soon be forgotten. More general interest was manifested than ever before; the "Unknown Dead" were lovingly remembered, and in many places the Blue and the Gray joined and decorated the graves of their fallen comrades. Many children aided in the beautiful services of the day.

No. of Corps in Department	7
No. of Corps reporting	5
Membership reported	179
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services	3
No. of members taking part in services Memorial Day	138
No. of children taking part in services Memorial Day	401
No. of soldiers' graves decorated	196
No. of members' graves decorated	29
No. of Corps contributing flowers	5
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	1
No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields	none
Amount of expense incurred	\$21.80

DETACHED CORPS.

ARIZONA.

ALEXANDER CORPS, No. 2, Globe, Gila County.

Reports, through O. F. Higdon, that Corps attended the Sabbath Memorial Services, and 10 out of 12 members took part in services Memorial Day, assisted by 30 children, and decorated 3 graves. Flowers were contributed. As the Corps was not organized until May 18, the Post voluntarily incurred all expenses, amounting to \$15.00.

FLORIDA.

B. C. LINCOLN CORPS, No. 2, Key West.

Reports, through Victoria Sevelle, that the Corps attended Sabbath Memorial Services in a body, and that 98 out of 107 members took part in services Memorial Day and, assisted by 80 children, decorated 600 soldiers' graves. Flowers were contributed and purchased. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead" and those who sleep on Southern battle-fields. Expenses of the day, \$64.35. The observance of Memorial Day was very satisfactory. Lunch was not served, as the Corps was in mourning.

CHARLES GABRIEL CORPS, No. 3, Jacksonville.

Reports, through Virginia McQueens, that the Corps attended Sabbath Memorial Services in a body, and that 19 out of 39 members took part in Decoration services, assisted by 100 children, and decorated the graves of 27 soldiers. Flowers were contributed and memorials prepared for the "Unknown Dead" and those on Southern battle-fields. Lunch was not served and no expense was incurred.

JOHN A. LOGAN CORPS, No. 4, St. Augustine, Fla.

Reports, through Sally Jackson, that the Corps attended services in a body, and that 10 of the 12 members took part in

Memorial Day Services, assisted by 25 children, and decorated 20 soldiers' graves. Flowers were contributed and memorials were prepared for the "Unknown Dead" and those on Southern battlefields. Expenses of the day were \$1.00. The day was fittingly observed.

GEORGIA.

O. M. MITCHELL CORPS, No. 2, Atlanta.

Reports, through Jennie F. Allenworth, that the Corps attended Memorial Services as a body, and that 25 out of 38 members took part in services of Memorial Day, assisted by a few of the children, and decorated 12,000 soldiers' graves. Flowers had been contributed. No expense was incurred.

R. B. SHAW CORPS, No. 3, Savannah.

Reports, through Lula Robinson, that the Corps attended Sabbath Services, and that 32 out of its 64 members took part in services of Memorial Day, provided flowers and assisted in decorating 10,000 graves of Union soldiers. Expenses \$4.65.

IDAHO.

PHIL SHERIDAN CORPS, No. 1, Boise City.

Reports, through Rachael A. Hervey, that the Corps attended the Sabbath Services in a body, and that 30 out of 40 members took part in services, assisted by 12 children, and decorated 18 soldiers' graves. Flowers were contributed, and the expenses of the day were \$150.00. The State officials and soldiers of the Regular Army also took part in the services, which were generally attended.

ANDERSON CORPS, No. 3, Moscow.

Reports, through Clara J. Parsons, that Corps attended Sabbath Services in a body, and that 32 out of 33 members took part in services, assisted by 44 children, and decorated 10 soldiers' graves. Flowers were contributed and memorials prepared for the "Unknown Dead." The Corps having been organized on May 28, it was impossible for them to do all that they would like to have done.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

H. H. CARTER CORPS, No. 1, Dover.

Reports, through Amanda Robinson, that Corps attended Sabbath Service, and that 10 out of 26 members took part in services Memorial Day, assisted by 5 children, and decorated the graves of three soldiers. Flowers were contributed and a memorial prepared to the "Unknown Dead." Refreshments were provided for the Post. No expense was incurred.

NORTH CAROLINA.

J. C. BEECHER CORPS, No. 1, at New Berne.

Reports, through Mordelia Whitner, that the Corps attended Sabbath services, and 4 out of 56 members took part in services of Memorial Day, assisted by 500 children, and decorated 3,291 soldiers' graves. Flowers were purchased and memorial prepared for the "Unknown Dead." The services were very interesting and largely attended.

FLETCHER CORPS, No. 2, Elizabeth City.

Reports, through Mariah Moore, that the Corps attended Sabbath services, and the entire membership of 45, assisted by 500 children, took part in services of Memorial Day, and decorated 5 graves of soldiers. Flowers were contributed and a memorial prepared for the "Unknown Dead." Refreshments were provided for Post. The expenses of the day were \$25.00. Very interesting services and largely attended.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

D. HUNTER CORPS, No. 1, Beaufort.

Reports, through Cary McGill, that Corps attended Sabbath services, and that 51 out of 67 members took part in services, assisted by "a great many children," and decorated 10,000 soldiers' graves. Flowers were contributed and a memorial prepared for the "Unknown Dead." Refreshments were provided for Post. The expenses of the day were \$25.00.

UTAH.

J. B. McKEAN CORPS, No. 1, Salt Lake City.

Reports, through Catherine Bradley, a membership of 65 taking part in services, assisted by 1,400 children, and that the graves of 110 soldiers were decorated. Flowers were contributed and a memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead." No expense was incurred.

JOHN A. DIX CORPS, No. 2, Ogden.

Reports, through Mattie A. Gardiner, that this Corps attended Sabbath Memorial Services, and that 45 out of 56 members took part in services, assisted by 30 little children dressed in white, who decorated the graves of the 17 soldiers with flowers forming letters which read, "We honor our noble dead." A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead" and those who sleep on Southern battle-fields. A large contribution of flowers was made and a large amount purchased. The expenses were \$250.00.

GEO. R. MAXWELL CORPS, No. 3, Salt Lake City.

Reports, through Lizzie Klipple, that the Corps attended Sabbath Memorial Services, and that 50 out of 56 members took part in services of Memorial Day, assisted by 1,400 children, and decorated 75 soldiers' graves. Flowers were contributed and a memorial for the "Unknown Dead" and those on Southern battle-fields was prepared. The children were a prominent feature in the services and the parade. No expense was incurred.

TENNESSEE.

I. YOUNG CORPS, No. 4, Nashville.

Reports, through Laura Kelley, that Corps attended Sabbath Memorial Services, and that 50 out of 51 members took part in services, assisted by 20 children, and decorated 13,000 soldiers' graves. Expenses \$7.10. Refreshments were provided for Post, flowers were contributed, and a memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

VIRGINIA.

CALLIOUX CORPS, No. 1, Norfolk.

Reports, through Sarah Merchant, that the Corps took part in Sabbath Memorial Services, and that 40 of its 75 members were actively engaged in the services of Memorial Day. 65 children assisted in the work, and the graves of 50 soldiers were decorated. The Corps furnished flowers for the occasion and a special memorial to the "Unknown Dead." Expense \$7.00. She adds: "We have a lot in our colored cemetery for our honored dead soldiers, and we are trying to raise means to enclose the same and to erect a monument to their memory."

SHAW CORPS, No. 3, Norfolk.

Reports, through Mahala Bray, that the services were very interesting, the Corps attending as a body the Sabbath services. On Memorial Day 400 children assisted and decorated 30 graves. Many flowers were contributed, and memorial was prepared for "Unknown Dead." Expenses \$5.00.

SILAS FELLOWS CORPS, No. 4, Portsmouth.

Reports, through Martha White, that the services were the best ever held there, although much interest is always manifested. A fund was started on Memorial Day for a Soldiers' Monument. Entire Corps membership of 22, and 100 children, took part in decorating, with flags and flowers contributed by the Corps, the 31 graves in the cemeteries there, as well as attended Sabbath services in a body. Refreshments were served. Expenses \$38.00.

LINCOLN CORPS, No. 5, Princess Anne.

Reports, through Rose Dennie, that the Corps attended the Sabbath Memorial Services, and 16 of its 19 members engaged in the work of Decoration Day; 13 children assisted, and the graves of 12 soldiers were decorated. The Corps furnished flowers for that purpose. No memorial to the "Unknown Dead" was prepared. Expenses \$3.00.

GRANT CORPS, No. 6, Eastville.

Reports, through Mary E. Fartherly, 79 of the 88 Corps members taking part in Sabbath services, and contributed flowers for the 12 graves decorated, assisted by 250 children. Memorial was prepared for "Unknown Dead." No expense was incurred.

DRAPER CORPS, No. 7, Deep Creek.

Reports, through Mart J. Jones, that Corps attended Sabbath services, and that 33 out of 35 members took part in Decoration Day services, assisted by 50 children, and 9 soldiers' graves were decorated. Flowers were contributed and refreshments provided for Post. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

GARFIELD CORPS, No. 8, Hampton.

Reports, through Polly Carr, that the entire membership of 12 took part in Sabbath Memorial services, as well as in decorating 1,000 soldiers' graves, and were assisted by 80 children. Flowers were contributed and memorial prepared for "Unknown Dead." Post was furnished refreshments. No expense was incurred.

SHERMAN CORPS, No. 9, Pungoteague.

Reports, through Margaret Baggs, that 50 out of the 74 members took part in Sabbath services and Memorial Day, and decorated the grave of 1 soldier, all others being too distant for them. 50 children assisted in Memorial services. Refreshments were provided for Post. Flowers were contributed. The expenses of the day were nearly \$40.00.

BURNSIDE CORPS, No. 10, Franktown.

Reports, through Frances Gunter, that Corps attended Sabbath service and that 20 out of the 25 members took part in services, assisted by 10 children, and decorated 6 soldiers' graves. Flowers were contributed and memorial prepared for the "Unknown Dead." No expense.

DAHLGREN CORPS, No. 12, Norfolk.

Reports, through Frances S. Foreman, a membership of 20 taking part in services on Sunday and decorating 53 graves, assisted by 150 children. Memorial for "Unknown Dead" was prepared. Expenses for the day, \$7.00.

P. J. CARTER CORPS, No. 14, Mappsville.

Reports, through Mrs. Justis, the entire membership of 23 took part in Sabbath services and those of Memorial Day, assisted by 8 children, and decorated the graves of 2 soldiers. Flowers were contributed and refreshments provided for Post. No expense was incurred. Large and enthusiastic attendance at Memorial services and earnest interest manifested in the decoration of graves.

RECAPITULATION.

Total No. of States and Territories reported	47
Total No. of Corps reported	2,535
Total membership of Corps	101,231
Total No. of Corps attending Sabbath Mem'l services,	2,117
Total No. of members taking part Memorial Day	59,510
Total No. of children taking part Memorial Day	166,053
Total No. of soldiers' graves decorated	253,333
Total No. of members' graves decorated	3,587
Total No. of Corps contributing flowers	2,429
Total No. of Corps furnishing refreshments	720
Total No. memorials to "Unknown Dead" and Battle-Fields,	1,991
Amount of expense incurred	\$13,140.72

Respectfully submitted, July 22, 1892.

CLARA BARTON,

National Chaplain, W. R. C.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR,
DETROIT, MICH., Aug. 25, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,
National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam:

In compliance with the duty of Counselor, as defined in Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit my report and opinions rendered on cases and questions officially referred by the National President.

A large share of my work as Counselor cannot properly appear in a report. Suffice it to say, whenever the National President has asked assistance or advice on the many important issues that have arisen during her administration, a deaf or indifferent ear has never been turned to her appeal.

I wish to call to the earnest consideration of every thinking woman the danger that is besetting us as an organization. It is the entering of irregularities into either or any grade of the work: the breaking or *bending* of the law! Our laws are made for *all*; and every woman having taken the obligation of membership or office, is under a strict moral obligation to obey. Permanent success cannot be depended upon if Mrs. A. of Maine is compelled to obey a law that Mrs. B. of Michigan is allowed to violate. Thousands of miles are travelled and thousands of dollars spent yearly, bringing representatives together to formulate these laws; and they should be so carefully made and then so sacredly kept, that any differences arising should never get outside or beyond the guarded precincts of a Corps. Laws are made for our *government* and to be respected by the learned as well as the unlearned; but it is a noticeable fact that those *learned* in the law are the transgressors. Irregular work should be so discountenanced that the innocent and law-

abiding shall not suffer through the errors of others; and where it has already occurred, — unwisely or unwittingly, — immediate steps should be taken to correct it. Irregularities seem to have reached an epidemic stage, and, in consequence, the work of the Counselor has this year been arduous and complicated to a great degree, *days* of careful study being necessary in many cases to unravel the entanglements that have grown from imperfect work and to guard against the outgrowth of other complications quite as serious. The only safe way is to do *right*; then no one need fear the consequences.

The following are official opinions rendered : —

OPINION I. Aug. 26, 1891.

Case. — At our last Corps meeting, our Senior Vice-President said she expected to move away, and asked for and received a transfer card. Now she wants to come back for the rest of the year, providing she can come without expense. Can the Corps in any way manage to take her back without going through the usual mode of admittance? How shall her chair be filled? If she comes back, could she fill her office for the rest of the year without being re-elected? Could the part of the minutes relating to her card be eliminated, or could *you*, as National President, give authority for us to do this?

Opinion. — A member of the Woman's Relief Corps in good standing, having made application according to Rules and Regulations, for a transfer card, is from that moment no longer a member of that Corps. Eliminating the action from the minutes would have no effect upon the validity of the transfer, even could it be done; but Corps have no right to eliminate an action taken in accordance with methods laid down in our governing laws. Such action, regularly taken, cannot be withdrawn or set aside. Provision is made in Chap. II., Art. III., for readmission to a Corps from which a member has taken a transfer, this provision being of itself conclusive evidence that in no other way can membership be regained.

The principle governing membership also applies to office, and an office once resigned can be regained only by re-election.

Until the vacancy caused by transfer is filled, the Junior Vice-President fills the chair, as found in instructions in back of Ritual under head of "Vacancies."

OPINION II. Sept. 5, 1891.

Case. — A Corps disbands — perhaps two years ago. A member, delinquent for dues, failed to get a transfer card. She now desires to become a member of the Order again, and requests the privilege of paying back dues and receiving a transfer card. The Department President receives the dues and signs her transfer. Should it be dated at disbanding of Corps? If so, how can a Department President sign a paper dated two years previous to her election to office?

Opinion. — In accordance with Decision 19, rendered in 1887 and subsequently sustained by Sixth National Convention, members of the Woman's Relief Corps delinquent when their Corps disbands, and having at that time failed to pay the amount of arrears and receive a transfer, can, if desiring to re-enter the Order, make application to Department President and be restored to membership up to date of disbandment, by paying into the Department treasury the amount they owed their Corps and receiving the approval of the Department President, if such application is made for the purpose of joining an existing Corps, or to become a charter member of a new Corps.

The Department President may then issue a transfer card, which shall set forth the facts in the case, the card to bear same date as that upon which the application and payment are made. Such applicant is then eligible to membership in another Corps by having secured an honorable discharge, through expiration of transfer — more than a year having elapsed since disbandment.

OPINION III. Sept. 7, 1891.

Case. — 1. Can a visiting member be invited out of courtesy to fill a chair in the absence of a regular officer?

2. Were a visiting member a Conductor in Corps A, could she be invited to act as Conductor *pro tem.* in Corps B?

Opinion. — As a matter of courtesy, no. The duties, as found in revised Ritual, page 6, and repeated by Conductor at every regular meeting of a Corps, are very plain. Also "Instructions" in back of Ritual, page 32. This paragraph specially provides for the "absence" of this very officer and says, "In the absence of the Conductor or Guard, their *assistants* will act in their place, and the vacancy thus caused be filled *from the floor.*"

Again, Decision 36, page 108, Sixth National Journal, says it is the *duty* of Assistant Conductor to fit herself to *perfectly perform* the work of her principal should she be absent.

As a matter of *instruction*, exception might be made. For instance, should a member thoroughly capable of instructing visit a Corps where the Conductors are new or defective in their work, the visitor could properly be invited to perform that part, *for the benefit to be derived from her superior knowledge and experience*, and the fact so appear in the minutes of the meeting; but not as Conductor *pro tem*.

OPINION IV. Sept. 15, 1891.

Case.—Can a member of one Corps prefer charges against a member of another Corps, for any cause?

Opinion.—It is my opinion that a member of the Woman's Relief Corps has a right to prefer charges against any other member of the Order, regardless of local association, basing my opinion on the following: The possession of facts concerning a member of the Order which would materially affect the well-being of a Corps, or the Order at large, places the question of right and privilege on a broad plane; and for the common good of all associated in the same cause, a member possessing such facts is privileged to protect the Order even to the extent of preferring charges against a member not belonging to her individual Corps.

OPINION V. Oct. 5, 1891.

Case.—A Corps disbanded, intending to reorganize. Instructed Corps President to forward badges. She replied that the members did not wish to give up their badges—had paid for them and thought they had a right to keep them. Wrote her to pay from Corps funds the regulation price. Nearly all have finally been sent in; and now follows a bill for them, at the rate of fifty cents apiece. Badges *were* forty-five cents, but are now and have been for some time only forty cents; and Corps own officers' badges any way, and are instructed in Rules and Regulations that when they disband must turn over Corps property to the Department. What shall be done in a case of this kind?

Opinion.—When a Corps is organized, it is by the approval and authority of a recognized head and is subject to the requirements and stipulations of the superior body, whose power it is to create. One of the stipulations is that, should a Corps disband, all property belonging to the Corps reverts to the Department by whose authority it was created. Coming originally through the Department, it is, under certain conditions, entrusted to the care and use of a band of women for a certain purpose, with the thorough knowledge and understanding that should this organized body fail in their purpose and cease to exist, all property in its possession is thereby *forfeited* and must be returned. Our Rules say, the ten officers' badges "are Corps property, belong to the Corps and *revert with office*," showing plainly, the moment a Corps disbands, these badges, as well as all other property, belong *to the Department*, and no bill can be presented on their return.

Regarding the floor badges, should any members in good standing at time of disbandment have asked *discharge cards*, the Corps would, before granting them, demand their badges, as is the law; but all members receiving *transfers* are entitled by existing laws to retain their badge during the life of the transfer, as they are still members of the Order until that period is passed, and to all such, badges must be returned. All badges to which this Corps could lay claim would be through members discharged, acting upon the supposition that all were in good standing and have received discharge or transfer.

There has never been a "regular" price named to be paid on return of membership badges; but I am of the opinion it should conform to stipulation covering badges of National officers, in Sect. 11, article on badges, in Rules and Regulations, and members returning badge be entitled to receive the price paid for them.

OPINION VI. Oct. 6, 1891.

Case.—Two weak Corps in a town decided to unite and form one strong Corps, as did also the Posts to whom they were auxiliary. Both Corps had good Presidents, elected last December. Mrs. A. and friends generously waived her position and elected Mrs. B. President of the new Corps. Now Mrs. A. desires a Past President's badge, and asks can she have a voice in next

Department Convention. She did not serve out her term, but was an excellent President and did what she thought was best for the good of the Order and the new Corps. It seems a pity she cannot have all the rights of a Past President. Can anything be done in such a case?

Opinion. — The article in Rules and Regulations, page 13, naming members of which Department Conventions are composed, clearly states the service that must have been done by a Past Corps President. Past rank is secured in but two ways: by rule, and by exception. The rule is a full year's service. The exception, *partial* service, being a provision for emergencies, the conditions being explained upon which partial service is rewarded with the same honor as full service, the *amount* of work not being stipulated; but be it little or much, it must continue until the regular term expires.

When a member takes an obligation at annual installation to serve as President, she assumes the protection and guardianship of that Corps for a certain period. Should she from any cause resign during that time, she resigns everything connected with the office. She frees herself from the further discharge of duties and responsibilities, and in so doing must necessarily forfeit all attendant honors. These are transferred to the one elected to fill the vacancy, who accepts and assumes all unfulfilled duties, together with any advantages that may be derived therefrom.

Both Mrs. A. and Mrs. B. forfeited past rank by leaving the old Corps, and Mrs. B. secured the reward of *partial* service by being the one elected to serve the new Corps the remainder of the year. The solution of how the Corps may provide equal rights, equal rank and a voice in next Department Convention for both, is very simple and only a matter of a little time. By electing Mrs. A. President at annual election in December, she will appear at convention as President and Mrs. B. as Past President.

OPINION VII. Oct. 26, 1891.

Case. — National President requests an official understanding of Sect. 35, General Orders No. 3, current series.

Opinion. — The question before the Convention was this: Shall Potomac Corps remain auxiliary to the Department of

Potomac G. A. R., as originally created; or, inasmuch as a Department W. R. C. now exists in the District of Columbia, shall it be made to bear the same relation to the G. A. R. and Department W. R. C. as do all other Corps, and cease to be an exception?

The *decision* of the Convention upon this question is clearly shown by the wording of Sect. 35, "That the incoming National President be instructed by the Ninth National Convention to use her prerogative and place the Detached Corps of Potomac in the Department of Potomac."

This section contains two important features — instruction and command. The command is, to place the Detached Corps of Potomac in the *Department* of Potomac, leaving the National President no option in the matter. The instruction is, the free use of her prerogative as to the *manner of carrying out* the command.

A prerogative is defined by Webster as "An exclusive or peculiar privilege; a prior and indefeasible right, which may be asserted without question and for the exercise of which there is no responsibility or accountability as to the fact and manner of its exercise." Hence, in the performance of the duty assigned by Ninth Convention, the President may use any legal means to carry out the order of Convention.

OPINION VIII. Nov. 27, 1891.

Case. — At a regular meeting of a Corps, the President was absent and the Senior Vice-President occupied the chair, and had, of course, all the rights of the President. When in the order of business it came to Initiation, the Senior Vice called a Past President to the chair to preside during the ceremony. Question: Is the initiation legal? Department President's opinion is: "Yes, not because the person called to the chair was Past President: for Past Presidents have no more authority than any other member (see Journal, Sixth National Convention, page 105); but because, "If the President leaves the chair expecting to resume it, she may call any member of the Corps to fill the chair. See Eighth Journal, page 109." Am I correct?

Opinion. — The decision cited from Eighth Journal was no doubt intended for *momentary* absence and *not* to cover any considerable space of time, as the last clause — which is not quoted

above — clearly indicates, therefore does not in any way interfere with the duties devolving upon a Corps President, or a Vice-President occupying the chair. The law is simple and plain in defining what officers are entitled to fill the chair, and provisions are made in Rules and Ritual to cover all emergencies. In taking the chair the Senior Vice-President assumed, as this case asserts, “all the rights of the President.” She also assumed all the duties, the first of which as laid down in Rules is, “to preside at all meetings of the Corps.” She is not to fill the President’s place in *part*, but “perform the duties of the President to the best of her ability.” No *President* considers it her *right* to lay down her gavel and surrender the chair during initiation.

Should a presiding officer require *assistance*, she may ask it of any member in the room, but will under no circumstances yield the gavel to another, except as provided by the laws of the Order. In view of the fact that our ritual service is now so comprehensive, and digressions are not allowable, I am of the opinion that Corps officers should be made to thoroughly understand *they* and *they alone* are responsible for the correct performance of Corps work; in this case, it being clearly irregular, the initiation was illegal and the candidate must be initiated in the regular manner.

OPINION IX. Dec. 7, 1891.

QUESTION REFERRED.

Case. — Is it not desirable that the recognition pin be secured from a discharged member and money be refunded if necessary to procure it, the same as is done with the membership badge?

Opinion. — Yes. It is highly important; and the surrender of the recognition pin should come under the same law as the badge, as the wearing of either or both is a privilege accorded to *members* only. It is particularly necessary in the explanation submitted, where parties were dishonorably discharged; for a recognition pin is in a sense a passport and a medium of introduction for strangers; the fact that such extreme sentence has been passed is evidence that nothing designating fellowship with the Order should be left in their possession. The law requiring the return of badge was made for protection and to regain possession of *insignias of membership* from people *not*

members of the Order. Corps must remember they are at *no loss* when paying "regular price on return of badge" or recognition pin, as such are turned in as regular Corps supplies to be resold.

OPINION X. Dec. 7, 1891.

QUESTION REFERRED.

Case. — Are Department Presidents expected to announce anything concerning Courts of Inquiry and action of the same in their General Orders?

Opinion. — It is my judgment that Courts of Inquiry should be classed as secret work, and only made public in part or in whole when necessary for protection to either individuals, Corps, or the Order at large. A Corps or a Department should hold their differences as secrets and guard them as conscientiously as the happenings in their own homes. All are liable to err, and the findings of a Court of Inquiry *might* prove to be an injustice.

OPINION XI. Dec. 20, 1891.

QUESTION REFERRED.

Case. — Can a Corps vote to take part of their Relief Fund and turn it over to the Post for their Relief Fund? If so, how report it on Form B?

Opinion. — On general principles it could be so voted, as both organizations work for the same object; but owing to our established business forms for reporting moneys disbursed, all disbursements must appear under the proper heads. Where Corps have a surplus in their Relief Fund, the same object may be attained by the Post referring their cases for relief directly to the Relief Committee of the Corps.

OPINION XII. Dec. 20, 1891.

Case. — Date of a regular meeting comes on New Year's day. Can the Corps vote to hold the regular meeting for that week on the day previous, or during the following week?

Opinion. — It is an established municipal custom that regular meetings falling upon holidays may be held upon the preceding or following day, as may be voted; but in this instance, being New

Year's day, the meeting could *not* be held upon the preceding day, it being the last day of December, and the meetings for that month have already been held; but it may be held upon the following day. Should that day be Sunday, the meeting should be called the third.

On other National holidays, Corps may by vote meet either on preceding or following day; but in every instance each member must be notified of the change in date of meeting.

OPINION XIII. Dec. 21, 1891.

Case.—Our charter is for the Territory of Washington. Washington has since become a State, and Alaska has been added to the Department of Washington. Is it necessary to have a new Department charter?

Opinion.—Washington was organized as a Department Nov. 11, 1886, and from that date has remained in good and regular standing. It is no doubt a source of pride to the members of that Department that they were able to organize and sustain a Department of the Woman's Relief Corps before Washington became a State. The annexing of new territory to establish Departments is supposed to be only temporary. Should new charter be issued, bearing names of Washington and Alaska, the latter may in the future become a Department of itself. I see no necessity of a change in the charter because of the Territory becoming a State or because of the annexing of Alaska.

It is, therefore, my opinion that Washington should continue to work under her original charter.

OPINION XIV. Jan. 5, 1892.

Case.—Numerous questions came to National Headquarters in the form of an appeal from a Corps member. National President forwarded all to Counselor for status of papers and information in the case.

Opinion.—Before an *appeal* can be made, there must have been a decision from *some* authority to appeal *from*. There are six stages of authority for decision, viz.: Corps President, Corps, Department President, Department Convention, National President, National Convention. When Conventions, Department or National,

are not in session, appeals may advance from President to President, through Secretaries. At each stage the question is to be decided by the officer receiving the same, and appeal is made from that decision.

There are various points of law touching on official action, that would affect this case. Page 100, Sixth Journal, says: "No opinion of a National Counselor can become a decision until endorsed by the National President. This also applies to Department Counselor. Page 19, Seventh Journal, says: "A member may appeal to the National President from decision of *Department* President, through the proper channel." Now the proper channel (see Rules and Regulations, page 31) is entirely lost sight of in the mass of papers referred. Scarce a paper, from first to last action, but lacks either official endorsement or official signatures or both. In the *decision* of a President (Department or National), a Counselor is not known, although she may have given the President all needed information. These papers came through the Department *Counselor*, and bear no evidence of having been appealed from a "*decision of the Department President*," not even by official endorsement, therefore have no official power.

It is my opinion, deduced from the laws herein mentioned, that the appeal herewith attached is not properly before the National President for consideration and should be returned to appellant, through the proper channel, with the above information; that Department Presidents must *insist* upon papers coming to them thoroughly official in every particular, and National Presidents the same; that all such questions to be received at National Headquarters must have attached the entire line of official action (either the original or certified copies of the same), that the National President may act intelligently. A matter of sufficient importance to be carried outside and beyond the sacred precincts of a Corps or Department should be regular and thoroughly official in every respect.

OPINION XV. Jan. 19, 1892.

QUESTION REFERRED.

Case.—Can a Corps that surrenders its charter, reorganize within a year and have their old supplies back again without repaying for them?

Opinion.—Corps surrendering charter can reorganize at *any* time by complying with Regulations. The expiration of a certain time has no bearing on the case. Under Chap. II., Art. I., Sect. 5, Rules and Regulations, Corps supplies are surrendered with a charter and are then subject to the disposition of the Department Council. The circumstances occasioning surrender would, no doubt, influence the decision of a Council; but, in case of reorganization, they may allow the supplies to be turned over to new Corps, *except* such books and papers as contain the business workings of the Corps which has ceased to exist. A reorganized Corps is, to all intents and purposes, a *new Corps*, applied for, chartered and instituted regularly. Under the aforesaid circumstances, no charge should in my opinion be made for the supplies allowed, the Department having once received payment therefor. Regular price must be paid for new charter, as per Sects. 1 and 9, article on formation.

OPINION XVI. Jan. 21, 1892.

Case.—A lady, after being elected Department Senior Vice-President, takes a transfer card from her Corps.

Question.—1. By taking a transfer and joining another Corps in same Department, would her official seat become vacant?

2. If, by taking a card and *not* joining another Corps, would the office be vacant during the life of the transfer card?

Opinion.—1. No. She is a Department officer, elected by Department representatives.

2. No. There is no vacancy unless the officer resigns. Being a member of the Order and a Department officer, local connection has no bearing on her official status. Her official duties remain the same. Should she allow her transfer to *expire* before the meeting of the next Department Convention, she forfeits her office and any honors she may have gained, because by so doing she severs her connection with the Order.

OPINION XVII. Feb. 6, 1892.

Case.—The last Department Convention initiated several ladies who at that time resided and still reside in cities having Corps; but being in city when Convention was in session, desired

to become members at that time. They paid initiation fee to Department Treasurer; but the Corps under whose jurisdiction they properly belong are in doubt about receiving them without any fee. One lady has paid her dues in the Corps in her city; but there is nothing on the records to show she is a member of that Corps. Is not this initiation illegal according to our Rules and Regulations? If so, how shall it be adjusted?

Opinion.—Rules and Regulations specially provide for cases of this character, as is seen by the *exception* found in Sect. 8, Art. II., Chap. II., which is a *privilege* granted Department Presidents under certain conditions, and was given for the purpose of disseminating the work in isolated localities and where there are no Corps in operation. This section says, “a *Department President may at her discretion, and within her jurisdiction, initiate an applicant;*” but *clearly* defines that such applicant *must* “reside outside the territorial limits of *any* Corps.” This establishes her jurisdiction, or that of a Department Convention, in cases of this kind beyond a doubt, and shows that they have *no* jurisdiction or rights over the initiation of persons residing within the territorial limits of any Corps.

It is, therefore, my opinion that the Department President *exceeded* her rights and went beyond her jurisdiction in initiating such persons at a Department Convention; and the action being irregular and illegal, the parties initiated are not members of the Order; and to become members must make regular application and be regularly initiated in some Corps, and all moneys must be returned and irregularities explained.

Illegal work done or *sanctioned* by a Department President or Convention has an ill effect upon Corps and encourages them to do likewise; as is seen in the instance where a Corps received *dues* from a party whose name does not appear on their rolls as a member through initiation or transfer.

OPINION XVIII. Feb. 6, 1892.

Case.—Eight years ago, Mrs. — became a charter member of a Corps, in October, and its first Senior Vice-President. October 27th of that year the President resigned. Annual election being so near, the Corps decided not to elect a President; and

Mrs. —, as Senior Vice-President, filled the chair till the close of the term. At the annual election, Mrs. — was a candidate, but was defeated. She has never been elected or installed as President. She claims to be Past President of the Corps, wears a Past President's badge, has attended and voted at every Department Convention since, claiming to have been appointed President of the Corps by the Department President. This the Department President then serving denies. No ill feeling exists; but the Corps, having grown in knowledge of our laws and wanting to do what is right, has called the attention of Department officers to the above facts. Ought the Department officers to act in the matter in case the Corps fails to do so? If no charges are preferred, shall she be allowed to sit and vote in Department Conventions?

Opinion.—The President having resigned, a vacancy was created, and *should* have been filled by election. Presidents are not *appointed*, and our laws on this have never been changed. Mrs. —, not having been elected, is not entitled to wear a Past President's badge or to sit or vote in Department Convention as Past President.

There is no necessity for charges; but the Department President must notify Mrs. —, through her Corps President, that she must return her Past President's badge; that she is not a member of Department Convention as Past President, and must not be so reported on election returns.

Considering all things, the proper course to take is to *elect* Mrs. — President. She and the Corps were mutually in error. Both and *all* should unite to correct it and uphold our laws. The Department and National officers are powerless.

OPINION XIX. Feb. 6, 1892.

Case.—At the first regular meeting of a Corps after installation, a member suggested that there were certain standing committees to appoint at that time. The President replied she had not the time and did not know the members well enough to make the appointments. A Department officer present referred the President to Chap. II., Art. VII., Sect. 4, Rules and Regulations, and informed her the matter was not *optional*, but the words were "shall appoint" at such a time. President replied as before. What shall be done in such a case?

Opinion.—There is nothing in the presentation of this case to show whether the failure of the President to appoint committees was due to lack of interest or ignorance of the duties of her office. Assuming the latter to be the case, she is also guilty of the former; for if elected at the first meeting in December, there was more than a month in which to prepare for the duties incumbent upon a President and become informed as to the ability of the various members. The section of Rules and Regulations referred to by Department officer is the *rule*; but Sect. IV., of Art. VI., same chapter, provides a remedy in case of failure to appoint; and committees, like officers, *hold office until their successors are appointed*. By her failure to appoint committees she continues in office the appointees of her predecessor. More harm would, in my opinion, be possible to accrue from the *hasty* appointment of committees to *serve a year* than to allow the old committees to hold over until the next meeting of the Corps. Failure to appoint at the next meeting after attention was called to her neglect of duty, would make a President amenable to discipline according to Sect. 1, par. 2, page 26, Rules and Regulations—Disobedience of Rules and Regulations or of lawful orders.

OPINION XX. Feb. 9, 1892.

QUESTIONS REFERRED.

Question.—1. What is the limit of time in which an appeal may be taken from a decision rendered by proper authority in the Woman's Relief Corps?

Opinion.—The question of limiting the time of appeal has never before arisen in the Woman's Relief Corps. In common law, the time ranges from twenty to thirty days. It would be both just and wise to *establish* a limit of time; and after carefully considering the question in its various phases, it is my opinion that an appeal from a decision officially rendered must be made within sixty days.

2. Where does an appeal end?

Answer.—In National Convention. See Chap. V., Art. VI., Rules and Regulations.

3. Can a case decided by a National President be reopened and investigated by a succeeding National President, without appeal having been made to the National Convention?

Answer. — No, as Chap. V., Art. VI., Rules and Regulations, provides that the decision of a National President *shall* be final unless *reversed* by the National Convention. The right of appeal is only to the next higher authority.

4. Can an appeal, having been acted upon by a National Convention, be reopened and reviewed by a subsequent National President?

Opinion. — Appeals carried to and acted upon by a National Convention are *beyond* the jurisdiction of and cannot be reviewed by a National President, unless by vote of Convention they be referred to the incoming National President. Cases passed upon by the supreme body can only be reopened by petitioning said body in Convention assembled to grant the privilege of a re-hearing, stating good and sufficient reasons therefor. The *Convention* will then decide by vote if the case can be reopened and again acted upon.

OPINION XXI. Feb. 19, 1892.

Case. — A Corps disbanded and members failed to request transfer cards within one year from that date. In what manner may such parties again become members of the Woman's Relief Corps in good standing?

Opinion. — From the case as stated I assume the parties mentioned *were* in good standing when the Corps disbanded, and *if* so were *entitled* to transfers. The fact that they did *not* receive transfers was not their fault and therefore does not affect their present status; and as the period for which a transfer is valid has expired, they are honorably discharged from the Order *exactly* the same as though they had received them. To re-enter the Order they must make regular application as though never having been members. If they *were* in good standing, it was not necessary to *request* transfers, it being the *duty* of the Department President and her Secretary to see that they had them, as found in Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Art. IV., Sec. 3, which says such members *shall receive transfer cards*. If the parties were *not* in good standing, Opinion No. II., rendered Sept. 5, 1891, will cover the case.

OPINION XXII. April 18, 1892.

Case. — A Past Corps President asks the Department President for an official decision through the proper channel. The Department President refers the question to the Department Coun-

selor, who replies to the Corps President. She — the Counselor — also writes a personal letter to the Past President making the appeal and orders it read to the Corps, which is done by the Corps President.

1. Has a Department Counselor a right to communicate orders direct to the Corps, or should this be done by the Department President?

2. Has a Department Counselor the right to order a personal letter read in Corps meeting and made a part of official proceedings?

3. Should such personal letter be filed among the official papers of the Corps, or is it the property of the person to whom it is addressed?

Opinion. — A Department Counselor has no right or authority to communicate orders direct or otherwise. A Counselor, Department or National, is simply a legal adviser — and to the President only, to whom a President may or may not refer questions that come to her for explanation or decision. A President, in referring a question to her Counselor, only asks said Counselor's *opinion* of the law as it affects the question submitted, and asks it for *her own* possible benefit in rendering a decision. Such opinion may or may not, in her judgment, be correct, and it is her privilege to accept or reject it. It remains *for the President*, and the President only, to *decide* all questions and forward her decisions officially — that is, through the official channels as laid down in Rules and Regulations, *and over her official signature*.

My opinion in this case is: 1. That the action taken was wholly unofficial and not within the province of the Department Counselor. 2. That the papers should be withdrawn and returned, through the Department President, to the writer. 3. That such action be clearly stated in the records of the Corps returning them.

OPINION XXIII. April 20, 1892.

Case. — In the roster of Eighth Department Convention W. R. C., Department of Ohio, and the Journal of Proceedings of the same, there appears several pages of advertising from business firms, upon which money was collected and of which no return of the same appears in the financial reports, either regular or supplemental, of the Department Treasurer, or in any way, in the reports of the year.

Question. As the Department of Ohio is an incorporation and can legally collect outstanding debts, would it be in order to introduce a resolution into Ninth Department Convention, requiring the officers-elect to demand a full and final settlement from the past administration and a return to the treasury of all moneys collected and withheld?

Opinion. — Yes. The business of a Department should be based upon thoroughly business principles and all its finances conducted in a thoroughly business manner. If there is reason to believe moneys have been collected and withheld that rightly belong to the Department, and the interests of the Department are thereby involved, such steps should be taken as will correct any errors or shortcomings of officers or past officers, and a “full and final settlement demanded,” that the finances may be protected and the dignity and good name of the Order sustained and held above reproach. It is furthermore my opinion that it is a great mistake to overstep the limits of W. R. C. work, or allow matter other than such as directly pertains to the work of the W. R. C. to enter into or appear in Journals of Convention. Properly managed, each Department is able to print the *necessary business transactions* of the year without outside assistance. For many reasons the issuing of voluminous Journals should be strenuously avoided, and much money be thus saved to use in the cause for which the Order is created.

OPINION XXIV. April 22, 1892.

Case. — The following resolution was passed by a Department Convention: —

Resolved, That we forward a request to National Headquarters that this Department be authorized to place the name of Mrs. — permanently on the Convention rolls, with all the honors and privileges of a Past Department President.

Opinion. — The question of Life Membership was, after a long debate in National Convention in St. Louis, declared unconstitutional, and then and there so settled, fully and finally. Seeing the error, the Convention took action — as had previously been done in Portland in regard to honorary members — and voted no more life members should be elected (see Fifth Journal, pages 34, 245 to 253, and 261).

I am of the opinion that a Department Convention or a National President has no right to authorize a name placed on Convention rolls, as such action would be antagonistic to and a violation of our governing laws. Rules and Regulations distinctly provide who shall be placed upon Convention rolls, and specifies in what and *because* of what service. None are "*permanently*" upon the rolls — only while carrying out certain conditions. Should any fail to fulfil these conditions, their honors are *lost*, and our Rules say, to regain lost honors, "they must be earned by actual service," showing conclusively they *cannot* be gained by the vote of any Convention or authority of Department or National Presidents. Such action would give to a Department an unwarranted, unequal and privileged vote — that is, more Past Presidents than it had had Conventions, and make an unequal representation of States in National Conventions. Should *one* such selection be countenanced, other Departments would immediately claim a like privilege, and confusion and disorder inevitably follow.

Any attempt to create life members, under any conditions, would, in my opinion, be a serious mistake, and is in fact and in spirit unauthorized in our laws; and there cannot be any exception to the Rules and Regulations governing membership in Conventions. The Rules are made for *all*, and are equally binding on all members and all States.

OPINION XXV. May 7, 1892.

Case. — Two members of a Corps asked for and received transfer cards. They continue to attend the meetings, evidently with the intention of disturbing them. After the Department password was changed, the Conductor reported "Mrs. A. and Mrs. B. without the password." The President considered she had no right to give password to persons not members of her Corps, and declined so to do. They repeatedly refused to leave the room.

Are members of the Order to be given the new password after they have asked for and been granted their transfer cards? Is a Corps President required to give password to transferred members? Can they be admitted and "sit in meetings" *without* the proper password? What shall be done with a person holding a transfer, who is without the proper password and refuses to leave the room while the Corps is in session?

Opinion.—The word *transfer* is defined, “removal from one place or person to another;” and the giving of transfers was established to assist persons when leaving their own territorial limits and to enable them to locate somewhere else. In asking a transfer they ask that their connection with that Corps be severed. Then, although members of the Order still, they are passive members while they hold their transfers; that is, belong to no Corps, have no President, and *pay no dues*. The asking of a transfer is a voluntary action, and by such act the member accepts the status and conditions of transferred members, as found in Rules and Regulations, and places herself beyond the jurisdiction of her Corps, “*except for purposes of discipline.*”

Sixth National Convention voted that Corps Presidents *could not* give the password to *visiting members*. Ninth Convention voted that members *must* secure the passwords from their *own* Corps Presidents, and from them only; and I am of the opinion that although entitled by existing laws to visit other Corps, or the one they have voluntarily left, members out on transfer and attending Corps meetings are *visitors*, have no Corps President of whom to ask and are not entitled to receive a new password; nor has a Corps President the right to give it to any one not a member of her Corps; neither “can they be admitted and sit in meetings without the proper password.”

If visiting in another Department, they may use the National password as long as entitled to it. If at home and desirous of attending meetings, they should apply for readmission; and thus, by sharing the duties of regular membership, secure the privileges thereto attached.

A person holding a transfer who is without the proper password, and refuses to leave the room while the Corps is in session, is subject to discipline as stated above.

OPINION XXVI. May 10, 1892.

QUESTION REFERRED.

Case.—Which office is higher in rank, the Secretary or the Treasurer of a Corps?

Opinion.—The point raised in this question is no doubt because one is an appointed and the other an elected officer. The first issue of Rules and Regulations (1883) gave a list of officers each Corps should have. The office of Secretary immediately fol-

lowed those of Vice-Presidents, and *all* officers were *elected*. The list has remained unchanged and the service of the officers remains unchanged; but the experience of the first year made it necessary for the National President, in her address at Minneapolis, to advise that because of the close relations between a President and Secretary, and that the utmost harmony might prevail between them, Presidents be allowed to *appoint* their Secretaries. This has since been the law.

This statement of the facts is, in my opinion, conclusive, and the Secretary should rank according to the place assigned her everywhere in our work, in list as found in Rules and Regulations, in list as called at "roll call," and in line as followed when officers repeat their duties.

OPINION XXVII. May 26, 1892.

Case. — A member of——Corps made a request at a regular meeting, January 6, for transfer. The request was duly entered upon the minutes. After the installation of officers, the evening of the same day, this member, who was the retiring Corps President, refused to deliver to her successor certain important papers of the office in her possession. This refusal was stated at the next Corps meeting, and the Corps voted *not* to grant the transfer until the papers were delivered. From this decision of the Corps the member requesting transfer appealed to Department President. That officer granted the appeal, upon the ground that the transfer should have been filled out the day it was requested, and further specified the member could be disciplined for non-delivery of papers; and it was mailed to the member's address. After the performance of this duty the member attended Corps meeting and stated her desire to reconsider the transfer. The Corps President ruled that she was a duly transferred member and could *not* be entered into membership of the Corps except upon regular application as provided in Rules.

Was not the ruling of the Department President and the grant of the transfer by the Corps President a legal transaction?

Having requested the transfer and received it, can the member be readmitted to the Corps granting the same except upon regular application.

Opinion. — In my opinion a Corps member making application for transfer according to Rules and Regulations, Chap. II.,

Art. IV., Sect. 2, is *by such action* transferred, *from that time*, whether she does or does *not* receive card. Our laws say the card "shall be granted." The duty is obligatory upon the President and Secretary, and the Corps has neither voice nor vote in the matter. Card must bear same date as meeting at which request for it was made. Should card be refused, the applicant can petition the Department President for redress. There is no reconsideration after a transfer has been regularly requested. The only remedy is regular readmission to membership, as provided in Rules. Members transferred are still subject to discipline. See Rules on that subject.

OPINION XXVIII. May 27, 1892.

QUESTION REFERRED.

Case. — From what treasury are the expenses attending the Ohio Court of Inquiry to be paid, the Department or National?

Opinion. — First of all, questions of disagreement *should* be settled in the Department where they arise. If a Department is unable to cope with the difficulties imposed upon it, and casts its burden upon a higher power, the *least* it can do in return is to bear all expense. It is an acknowledged fact that the value of anything is in proportion to what it costs; and 'tis an equally acknowledged fact that the inability or unwillingness to meet bills of expense will often be the means of finding a way to adjust one's *own* troubles. This was illustrated during the present year when Department of —, on finding it must bear any expense the National President incurred in settling their trouble, concluded they could settle it themselves. Every safeguard should be placed around the secrets of the Woman's Relief Corps and as far as possible none be allowed outside or beyond the sacred precincts of a Corps or Department. This became evident years ago, and materialized in form of a resolution, passed at Sixth Convention, and is now a law. See Sixth Journal, page 148, viz. : —

Resolved, That all Corps having trouble which demands expense for investigation shall pay the same from their own Corps treasury.

In the discussion that followed, the ground was taken that should Corps realize, when they call upon outside parties to settle their difficulties, they must bear the expense thereof, they would be more considerate and make greater effort to settle their differences among themselves.

It is my opinion, deduced from all the above facts, that the precedent established for Corps should also govern Departments; and where Department cases demand National investigation, the expense must be borne by the Department.

OPINION XXIX. June 3, 1892.

Case.—The charter of a Detached Corps is revoked by National President, and certified list of members whose dues are paid to time of disbandment ordered sent to National Headquarters, that transfers might be issued. The officers *refuse* to surrender charter or send names of members in good standing. How can National President protect such members as are desirous of being law-abiding and wish transfers, that they may be enabled to join other Corps and thus retain their membership?

Opinion.—The President of the late Corps having refused to obey orders whereby members of that Corps would have received regular transfers, it is undoubtedly the privilege of the National President to grant any member a transfer upon receipt of proof that all dues were paid to the time charter was revoked and that no charges were pending. If the then President of the Corps will not furnish such evidence, the National President, on receiving from a member her receipt for dues and affidavit that no charges were at that time pending against her, *could* issue a transfer, bearing date of revocation and setting forth the facts in the case. The member will then be eligible to the privileges found in Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Art. III., to become a member of another Corps or a charter member of a new Corps.

OPINION XXX. July 5, 1892.

Case.—A Corps surrenders its charter and is immediately reorganized, taking name and number of former Corps. Shall Past President of disbanded Corps be carried on the roster of new Corps?

Opinion.—As a reorganized Corps is, to all intents and purposes, a new Corps, a Past President of the disbanded Corps would appear on the roster *if she became a member* of the new Corps, the same as *any* Past President joining the Corps on transfer, that is, "Transferred from——Corps, No.——," and appear in no other way; for Corps having disbanded and reorganized, cannot claim as their own, Past Presidents that served in the Corps that has become extinct.

OPINION XXXI. July 8, 1892.

Case.—Transfer was asked Jan. 6, 1892. Dues were paid till July. Not receiving card for several weeks, request was renewed in writing. When read, President stated I withheld certain papers that belonged to Corps; whereupon Corps *voted* no card should be given until papers were produced, and I was so notified. I appealed to Department President in regular manner, but received no reply. At the first meeting in May,—four months having passed,—request for card was withdrawn, on which I was informed a card *had been sent* that day—May 4, although nothing was said about missing papers. The afternoon mail had been received, but no card. *Next* day a letter came postmarked May 5, and was returned unopened. The next week was Department Convention and my vote as Past President was *challenged*. The Department President, on learning the Corps President had suppressed her decision on my appeal,—which was that my transfer could not be withheld, but must be given,—ruled that I was a member of Convention and could not thus be deprived of my vote, not having been allowed opportunity to join another Corps.

Of the papers alleged to be missing, one was mailed to Department President with all other papers in the case, and the other was found in ante-room by janitor; yet I am still imputed with holding them. In view of all the facts in the case, I hold I am still a member of the Corps the same as though an application for transfer had never been made, and await your decision.

Opinion.—People are expected to *know* what they want when they take so important a step as to sever their connection with a Corps; and should after developments cause them to change their minds, the Corps or the *law* is not responsible. The law, however, gives redress by providing a regular way of readmission. As stated in this case, previously referred (see Opinion XXVII., May 26, 1892), the *Corps* has neither voice nor vote in the matter, as making an application according to Rules and Regulations is equivalent to being transferred. Having been done in this case, the party *was transferred* then and there, and should have received a card signed by the Senior Vice-President and Secretary, she being President. Further demands, just or unjust, cannot operate to withhold a card so asked; and a President or a Corps attempting so to do violate

their obligation and are subject to discipline. Both the plainly written law and the command of the Department President were here openly defied, with the evident intention of debarring the party from Department Convention.

To one who was supposed to be suffering a wrong by having transfer withheld until eve of Convention, the action of Department President was natural, as an act of justice; but as a matter of W. R. C. law, the party had no right to a vote in Convention. See Opinion 3, page 106, Eighth Journal, sustained by Eighth Convention.

I am of the opinion, where parties fulfil requirements and cards are refused, they have in the meantime all the privileges of a transferred member, and may apply for readmission, may join another Corps, or become a charter member of a new Corps, upon statement of the facts in the case. Prompt reparation for the injustice done this member should be ordered through the Department President, and a transfer card made out by the then Secretary, same as should have been given at the time, bearing same date as request for it was made—Jan. 6; that it be signed by the then Senior Vice-President and Secretary, and upon the back the facts in the case be substantially set forth, *also* over their official signatures, and a full statement of the transaction appear on the records of next meeting.

I am also of the opinion that because of the many cases wherein appealers are unjustly denied information, or often receive replies remodeled or reduced, that in all cases where decisions are rendered,—either Department or National,—a true copy should be forwarded direct to appellant, that she may be fully and correctly informed.

OPINION XXXII. July 9, 1892.

QUESTION REFERRED.

Case.—Can a member, having asked an honorable discharge from the Order, withdraw her request? If so, when and in what manner?

Opinion.—The law is plain and positive on the point of granting a discharge. As stated in opinion on granting transfer, members must abide by their own judgment and action; and if they find they were hasty and wish to retract, the law provides a

way of being readmitted to the Order and to the Corps from which discharge was granted. Many members seem not to realize the difference between a discharge card and a transfer, or that when asking a discharge, they ask that their connection with the Woman's Relief Corps be entirely severed; while with a transfer they are still members *of the Order* a year.

Because of the confusion that may thus arise and to give opportunity for explanation, it is my opinion that a request for discharge does not become operative until the meeting at which the discharge is to be asked is *called to order*, and that up to that time a member has the privilege of reconsidering the action and withdrawing her request. Should this be done, request for discharge becomes inoperative and void.

This conforms with the law where application for membership may be withdrawn prior to report of investigating committee. Calling the meeting to order concludes the conditions required in section on discharge,—all others having been met,—and from that time the law must take its course.

OPINION XXXIII. July 20, 1892.

Case.—Notice has been received at National Headquarters that appeal will be made from the findings of a court of inquiry and decision of National President, the appellant requesting that she "be furnished a certified copy of all court evidence and papers in the case, that she may make her case of appeal therefrom." To furnish "a certified copy of all court evidence and papers" would be a heavy and expensive task. Can this demand be made? If so, who bears the expense?

Opinion.—It is my opinion a party appealing may request and, for her own benefit *and at her own expense*, be furnished a copy of court proceedings for the purpose mentioned, by and through the official acquiescence of the National President, it being clearly stated to all concerned that such copy shall be at no expense to National treasury.

OPINION XXXIV. Aug. 22, 1892.

Case.—Mrs. A. was elected on the Executive Board at the last Department Convention. She was President of her Corps;

but becoming dissatisfied, resigned and took a transfer. Can she still serve on the Executive Board? She has n't the passwords, but wants to attend the coming National Convention. Can she get into the Convention room?

Opinion.—It is my opinion that a person having been duly elected a Department officer, and afterward taking a transfer, *can* retain the office and act, providing she does not join a Corps in another Department. She cannot, however, attend Conventions, Department or National, while out on transfer, as our existing laws concerning the obtaining of passwords would preclude it if the passwords had been changed since she was transferred, for having no Corps President, she cannot legally receive them. The only remedy is to join a Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

EMMA STARK HAMPTON,

National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR, W. R. C.
EVANSVILLE, IND., July 15, 1892.

Mrs. ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam :

I have the honor to report the work of inspection, as shown by the tables compiled from Department Inspector's and Assistant National Inspector's reports, to which is added reports from Provisional Departments and Detached Corps so far as received.

The Ninth National Convention deemed it proper to take a step backward in the time fixed for inspection of Corps, and ordered that the month of September be included with October and November of each year. This change caused some confusion and inaccuracy in the reports, which have been corrected by the patient and untiring perseverance of Department Inspectors, who have with very few exceptions rendered most efficient and praiseworthy service.

I wish it were possible for the members of this Convention to examine many of the excellent reports received at this office. To name them would be invidious, but they merit high commendation.

I have to report that in many cases the Inspectors forgot to enforce the order given in General Orders No. 2, Section XIII. ; and in consequence there are still many old Rituals and Ritual Cards on hand.

Those Departments in which special instruction was given and the work exemplified in District Conventions, report greater proficiency and increased interest in every part of the work.

I desire to make special mention of the invaluable aid rendered by Mrs. L. A. Turner in visiting Corps in the South, where her instructions from year to year have been thankfully

received and have greatly benefited the recipients. Such work is no light task, and can only be done at great personal inconvenience and self-sacrifice. As "the best reward of a good action is to have done it," it is to be hoped that others will "go and do likewise."

I most heartily concur in the opinion expressed by my predecessors in office, that the system of inspection should be changed, believing that the time has come when a radical change would be beneficial. As the directions in the Ritual and Service Book are most clearly and concisely given, and the revised instructions in the Red Book are at the service of every Corps, there is little excuse for any failure to observe all the ceremonials required. The great expense of inspection should be the chief reason for a change. It is also desirable that the inspection should include more nearly one administration of Corps and Department officers, and that reports to National Convention include at least a portion of the current year.

For the furtherance of this object and in answer to the urgent wishes of many who have had long experience in the work of the Order, I respectfully offer the following

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the annual inspection of each Corps be held on any date from April 1st to May 15th of each year, and the entire work of the preceding year, from April 1st to March 31st, be reported, as required by instructions from National and Department headquarters.

2. That the Inspector of each Corps, except those Corps which have been instituted not more than one year, shall be a competent member of the Corps, who did not hold the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer during the time covering the inspection and who shall be appointed by the Department President, on recommendation of Corps President.

3. All Corps which have been instituted one year or less, shall be inspected by the Department Inspector or Assistant Inspectors, the traveling expenses to be paid by the Department.

4. A Corps desiring an Inspector from another Corps shall make application to Department President in the same manner as in the choice of Installing Officer, and, the petition being granted, the Corps shall pay all expenses.

5. That all inspection reports shall be forwarded to Department President and Inspector within five days from the date of inspection.

6. That upon the adoption of Recommendation No. 1, Department Inspector's consolidated report be sent to National Inspector not later than July 1st.

7. That the remarks in the summary of Inspector's reports be not published in the Journals of Department Convention proceedings.

In obedience to instructions, the supplemental reports heretofore appended to the remarks on each Department are omitted, the decision having been rendered that they are not a part of inspection, and also that, as they appear in Secretary's report, they are unnecessary.

In reviewing the Departments we pay our first respects to that land of flowers,

CALIFORNIA.

Books of this Department were found to be correct. \$8,000 expended for relief during the year. They have two Soldiers' Homes and a W. R. C. Home, and send liberal contributions to each. Inspectors reported that many meetings called for inspection were not well attended. Inspectors were well instructed through Department General Orders.

COLORADO.

Leads all Departments in the amount contributed for relief in proportion to the membership. Books of the Department in good order and correct.

CONNECTICUT.

Reports one of the most prosperous years since its organization. In addition to amount of relief extended, \$300.00 was contributed for piano and other articles for Soldiers' Home. It is the custom for the Department Inspector to instruct the assistants at the first inspection.

ILLINOIS.

A fine report. Books well kept. 25 Corps instituted since last report. Inspection was well conducted and Department officers have been "instant in season." They will soon have a Home for the veterans and their wives. The Department received new inspiration in having the National President and Secretary with them.

INDIANA.

Assistant National Inspector reports the books in perfect order and that it was a pleasure to inspect the work. The illness of Department Inspector delayed the report. 151 Corps were inspected, about \$5,000 expended for relief. District Conventions were held for the first time.

IOWA.

This Department is steadily "marching on." The books at Headquarters are reported in perfect condition. Great interest was taken in the work of inspection by all the Corps, and much benefit received from the instructions of Department President, whose past services as National Inspector gave universal satisfaction. \$7,500 was expended for relief, besides liberal contributions to the National Home.

KANSAS.

Reports 203 Corps inspected, and all proficient in ritualistic work, and books generally well kept. Great interest is taken by the members, and the relief work is, each year, being more fully appreciated by the public.

KENTUCKY.

24 Corps: a gain of 7 since last report. Work well done in every Corps. They have the cordial support of the Grand Army, and should have the hearty co-operation of their own members. This Department teaches loyalty.

MAINE.

From its geographical situation may be called the prow of our National ship. This Department is slowly and steadily gaining strength. Inspection was well done this year. Books in better condition than ever before and all reports correct.

MARYLAND.

Sends a good report. Though small in numbers, they are great in good works. In addition to relief work, the National Home is remembered with liberal contributions.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Has only one rival in numbers, and leads all others in "Amount of money turned over to Posts." The report of Department Inspector was among the first received and showed that the work of inspection had been thorough. Instructions from Department President to Inspectors were most complete and worthy of imitation. Books of Department in excellent condition. Secretary keeps a daily journal, at Headquarters, of all business, which is invaluable for reference.

MICHIGAN.

Is again among the first in rank. The officers and members are untiring in their efforts for the "Good of the Order." Books of the Department are reported as "unexcelled for neatness and accuracy." 685 members gained during the year.

MINNESOTA.

A good report. Books of the Corps generally well kept, and ritual work well done. Reports show a gain of 15 Corps, with 500 members.

MISSOURI.

68 Corps reported as having done good work during the year. Contributed \$65.00 towards purchase of land for National Home and are about to establish a Home in their own State.

NEBRASKA.

Reports a most prosperous year. All clouds dispersed and perfect harmony within her borders. There was an unusual demand upon finances for relief on account of disasters, which was fully met, showing that the great object of the Order is not a name only, to the workers in this Department. Books and all reports correct.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The "Old Granite State" shows unswerving fidelity to every part of the work. Inspectors report work well done and books correct.

NEW JERSEY.

This Department, though small, is in good working order, and the members have proved themselves as auxiliaries, indeed, to the Grand Army. Books fairly well kept and correct.

NEW YORK.

Prosperity has attended them in every respect. Books of Department are reported as perfect, and the executive work faithfully performed. Prospects for the future are bright.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Although the smallest Department, deserves high commendation for the energy and self-sacrifice of the members. Reports show books and accounts well kept, and a large amount of relief extended in proportion to the membership.

OHIO.

The largest Department follows her little sister of the North with 305 Corps. The reports show that the work of inspection was most carefully and systematically performed, and that a majority of the Corps take high rank in ritualistic work. The various Homes receive the ever watchful care and interest of all, and many a heart is cheered by the kind remembrances sent to the inmates. Nearly \$18,000.00 expended for relief and aid to Posts.

OREGON.

A land of beauty and grandeur. The Inspector says, "We have had a prosperous year." "Books of Secretary and Treasurer are correct." Amount expended by 27 Corps, \$945.00.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Assistant National Inspector reports that the Department was never in a more flourishing condition. In addition to relief work, contributions to the Pennsylvania Memorial Home amounted to \$6,335.00. Books well kept and officers most efficient.

POTOMAC.

Ranks equal with Massachusetts in average attendance of members at Corps meetings. In addition to relief work at home, the Department aids "the stranger within her gates," having expended \$521.00 to assist those who come to this Mecca seeking for pensions. Books reported in good condition in every Corps.

RHODE ISLAND.

The work of this Department was in good hands, and the reports are most encouraging. Official recognition granted by the Grand Army for the first time.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Prospects for the future are bright. The work of inspection was not all that could be desired; but the Department ranks third in the amount of relief extended.

TEXAS.

A good report. The instructions to Inspectors from Department President were most complete in every particular, and served as a school of instruction to all. Whole amount expended from seven Corps, \$206.35.

VERMONT.

Good reports. Work well done and books correct. 209 members added to the roll. \$1,000.00 contributed for relief and nearly \$600.00 "turned over to Posts."

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

Reports show a gain of 393 members. No labors tire the Department officers in the prosecution of the work for the advancement of the Order.

WISCONSIN.

Reports steady growth and prosperity. \$7,100 expended for relief, besides liberal contributions to build a chapel at the Veterans' Home. \$228 expended from Department relief fund. Books and reports correct.

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS.

ARKANSAS.

Reports four Corps, with a membership of 110. They are bravely striving to keep up their Corps. They encounter many obstacles, not the least of which is the want of cordial support by the Grand Army. The indifference of loyal women, who should give encouragement to every effort made to sustain the principles of loyalty, is also disheartening.

MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA.

This Department is composed entirely of colored women, and under the leadership of Mrs. Lewis is doing a large amount of relief work. They have not yet learned to send all the necessary reports to the proper officers; but they "go about doing good," and should be encouraged and aided by their more fortunate sisters at the North.

MONTANA.

Has prospered abundantly during the past year, and in the next report will probably be enrolled among the regular Depart-

ments. In addition to relief work at home, their charity has been extended to the starving people of Russia, and they lead in contributions to feed the helpless in that country.

NEW MEXICO.

Reports one new Corps organized April, 1891, at Las Cruces; but it was impossible to inspect and instruct the Corps before January, 1892. It is a fine Corps. This Department has been sustained by the persistent efforts of a few noble women, who, with unswerving devotion and faith, are not only aiding those in need, but are teaching patriotism to all the people.

TENNESSEE.

The prospect that it will soon be welcomed among the permanent Departments is very bright. The faithful workers are taking the sure way to ultimate success. Three Corps report \$200 given for relief. Books and records correct.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The indomitable perseverance of the few earnest women in this Department deserves great reward. The Corps at Wheeling is in good condition and improving steadily. The Corps at Martinsburg, Fairmont and Rowlesburg were inspected by Mrs. L. A. Turner, who reports the books well kept. Little interest is taken in the work by many members of Corps and Posts. It is hoped that the enthusiasm roused will strengthen both organizations.

DETACHED CORPS.

FLORIDA.

CHAS. GABRIEL, No. 3, Jacksonville. Was inspected by Mrs. Turner, who reports 37 members and that the Corps has improved much during the year. They do a large amount of relief work and are assisting the Post in purchasing a hall.

B. C. LINCOLN, No. 2, Key West. This isolated Corps is doing good work. Reports 105 members. \$141.50 expended for relief. \$50.00 turned over to Post. Their example is worthy of imitation.

GEORGIA.

O. M. MITCHELL, No. 2, Atlanta. 38 members. \$75.00 expended for relief. The Corps assists the Post at all camp-fires, Memorial services, and are doing excellent work in every respect.

UTAH.

JAMES B. McKEAN, No. 1, Salt Lake City. S. O. B. Cummings, Inspector. Sixty-three members; books in good condition, and all work carefully performed. \$200 expended for relief. They look forward to a prosperous year.

JOHN A. DIX, No. 1, Ogden. Also inspected by Mrs. Cummings, who reports a marked improvement in all the work. Books correct and Treasurer's work "unusually well done." \$50 expended for relief; \$110 turned over to the Post.

VIRGINIA.

The following Corps were inspected by Mrs. L. A. Turner:—

CAILLOUX, Norfolk. Seventy-five members, \$50 in Treasury. A very good Corps of earnest workers, who are gaining in knowledge.

DAHLGREN, Norfolk. A bright Corps of 21 members. The prospect for the future is very encouraging.

SHAW, Norfolk. Forty members. \$60 in Treasury. Corps shows a marked improvement in three years, which time has passed since Mrs. Turner's first visit.

DRAPER, Deep Creek. 30 members. \$14 in Treasury. Corps in excellent condition. Every member earnest and enthusiastic in the work.

SILAS FELLOWS, No. 4, Portsmouth. 25 members. \$28 in Treasury. Have had some trouble, caused by those who should sustain them, trying to induce them to join another organization. The visit of Inspector greatly encouraged them to stand firm.

LINCOLN, No. 5, Princess Anne. 20 members. \$16 in Treasury. "This is a real, live Corps." "The President and Secretary walk ten miles to Corps meetings, and never fail to be present." Comment is unnecessary. May we profit by the lesson.

The following Circular was sent to all Inspectors : —

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL INSPECTOR, W. R. C. }
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, September 18, 1891. }

Circular No. 1 :

I. The decisions of the Ninth National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, promulgated in National General Orders No. 3, direct that the time of the Annual Inspection be changed, to include the months of September, October and November. Department Inspectors are thus enabled to accomplish much of their work before the season approaches when cold weather and bad travelling add greatly to the labor of inspection.

II. The new inspection blanks, Form O, will be sent to each Department.

III. The Revised Ritual, adopted by the Ninth National Convention, supersedes all other rituals. Each Inspector must, at the time of inspection, collect and burn all Rituals and Ritual Cards not in use, and report such action in the summary on regular inspection blanks.

This order must be strictly obeyed. (See National General Orders No. 2, XIII.)

IV. Department Inspectors should select none but competent assistants: those who are able to instruct and are willing to do hard work. Inspection is no sinecure and is not designed for a visit of pastime and recreation. The Inspector should, as far as possible, learn the needs of each Corps before visiting it, and arrange to spend the most time with weak and discouraged Corps, and with tact and discretion give such timely advice as will inspire and benefit every member.

V. Inspectors should insist that the "Instructions" in the last part of the Ritual and Service Book be carefully studied and obeyed. Each Corps officer will hereafter be furnished with a copy of the Ritual.

VI. In examining the amount expended for relief, make a just estimate of that portion given "Other than Money," and report the same in dollars and cents; also, whatever is done for the "Good of the Order," always observing whether such measure is in accordance with Rules and Regulations.

VII. Inspectors should so arrange their work as to make their expenses as light as possible.

VIII. Department Inspectors and their assistants will be expected to make prompt reports.

IX. It is hoped that every member will give hearty support to the work of inspection this year, in order that the Ritual may be better understood, all its teachings faithfully obeyed, and thereby the growth and prosperity of the Order greatly enhanced.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

EMILY J. BUTTERFIELD,

National President.

National Inspector.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS, W. R. C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1891.
(SHOWING CONDITION OF DEPARTMENTS.)

DEPARTMENTS.		DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS.		DEPARTMENTS.									
No. of Corps.	No. of regular meetings in the year.	No. of members in good standing.	Average attendance of Officers.	Average attendance of members, including Officers.	No. of Corps in which Rituals are complete.	No. of Corps in which all rituals have been forwarded to Depts. H. Divs.	Average amount charged for initiation, not including price of badge.	Average amount charged for yearly dues.	Amount of money reported in Relief Fund.	Amount expended for relief from Sept. 1, 1890, to Sept. 1, 1891	Estimated value of money other than money.		
62	1581	3054	7	15	63	61	\$1.00	\$1.87	\$3,120.35	\$5,345.53	\$3,088.85		
34	879	1115	7	13	54	34	1.00	1.40	620.28	1,582.25	1,532.80		
33	988	2478	8	21	43	43	1.00	1.00	1,904.22	1,587.21	930.31		
151	3225	5971	6	14	154	154	1.00	.98	4,406.05	3,542.42	3,543.73		
155	3671	5661	6	14	146	148	.98	.90	3,437.50	3,037.42	1,844.29		
204	3814	6940	6	14	200	197	1.00	1.00	3,953.03	4,290.88	3,307.34		
203	4198	3943	7	21	200	203	1.00	1.50	3,203.66	4,485.64	2,439.53		
24	372	651	6	12	24	24	1.00	2.33	186.32	427.67	29.25		
49	945	1760	6	13	49	49	1.00	.90	913.42	259.13	284.00		
15	407	457	7	15	14	15	1.00	1.20	300.55	136.73	77.19		
142	3192	11246	8	27	141	142	1.03	1.02	15,088.08	7,962.15	2,224.95		
213	4424	7059	7	13	197	212	1.02	.90	2,233.18	2,499.88	2,697.56		
85	1796	2569	6	13	84	84	1.06	1.11	796.11	1,347.90	1,180.33		
125	2506	2976	6	11	107	111	1.00	.89	1,011.37	2,152.18	1,511.95		
61	1200	3212	7	14	61	61	1.00	.96	3,046.37	1,594.99	3,345.84		
18	473	487	7	14	18	18	1.00	2.00	606.73	3,006.58	372.09		
159	3305	5920	7	15	148	152	1.00	1.15	2,470.12	2,855.17	31.00		
6	132	187	5	13	6	6	1.00	1.50	237.98	92.24	66.75		
305	6013	11279	6	13	305	305	.98	.82	7,525.17	9,804.62	3,983.07		
27	576	814	6	21	26	26	1.00	1.33	377.79	428.97	286.55		
142	3642	4818	6	14	142	139	1.00	1.21	2,617.41	4,680.63	2,381.16		
8	183	476	6	27	8	8	1.90	1.00	244.25	676.44	471.25		
15	310	644	8	22	15	15	1.00	1.00	390.97	331.41	363.97		
29	468	722	6	21	29	29	1.00	.95	1,222.70	1,222.70	1,222.70		
65	111	221	7	7	65	65	1.07	1.00	136.35	64.35	65.00		
65	1149	2279	6	12	62	63	.97	.89	1,506.58	487.49	648.77		
38	627	1155	6	12	36	36	1.00	1.70	864.73	630.30	377.05		
111	2713	3258	6	13	110	111	1.00	1.00	1,417.25	3,516.39	3,516.39		
2557	54,713	94,542	6	15	2498	2521	1.03	1.19	\$63,518.48	\$69,920.39	\$43,706.85		
Totals,									\$43,000	\$600.00	\$600.00		
PROVISIONAL.													
4	44	110	5	9	4	4	1.00	1.50	211.06	91.00	51.50		
4	84	114	7	12	4	4	1.00	2.75					
3			6	7	3	3	1.00	2.00	82.97	167.22	40.00		
3	60	106	7	12	3	3	1.00	1.00	59.15				
7	108	195	6	20	7	7	1.00	.94					
Totals Prov. Depts.,									\$389.13	\$317.47	\$91.50		
2578	55,069	95,067	6	14	2519	2512	1.03	1.41	\$63,907.61	\$69,337.86	\$43,798.35		
Grand Totals,									\$43,000	\$600.00	\$600.00		

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS, W. R. C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1891.
(SHOWING CONDITION OF DEPARTMENTS).—Continued.

DEPARTMENTS.	DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS.	No. of Corps in which books show that they have been audited by Fin. Com. quar- terly.	No. of Corps rep't'g Charter in hall at regular meetings.	No. of Corps making quarterly reports to Posts.	No. of Corps rep't'g Corps and Posts working in harmony.	Did Corps Repre- sentative report Proceedings of last Dep't. Conv'n?	Amount of money turned over to Post from Sept. 1, 1890, to Sept. 1, 1891.	No. of Corps mem- berized.	No. of Corps rep't'g the work other- wise properly per- formed.	No. of Corps rep't'g work of Secre- tary properly per- formed and books correct.	No. of Corps rep't'g work of Treas- urer properly per- formed and books correct.
California.....	Ellen Stirling.....	36	62	59	62	14	\$1,178.40	25	38	45	50
Colorado and Wyoming.....	Rosetta A. Goodrich.....	18	34	31	33	29	1,208.00	12	33	33	33
Connecticut.....	Sarah M. Foster.....	33	43	42	42	20	1,420.25	12	32	40	30
Illinois.....	Mary E. McCauley.....	72	154	119	141	83	1,133.11	21	129	135	131
Indiana.....	Margaret F. Justice.....	68	143	88	149	63	1,271.64	17	92	107	107
Iowa.....	Louise H. Arey.....	157	202	184	196	27	1,603.25	11	131	163	161
Kansas.....	Barbara E. Pond.....	24	203	200	203	203	1,531.85	28	203	203	203
Kentucky.....	Carrie L. Davis.....	24	24	24	24	2	77.50	...	24	24	24
Maine.....	Azuba O. Bagley.....	28	49	23	49	21	282.82	8	20	42	39
Massachusetts.....	Capitola Martin.....	13	15	14	15	10	157.60	3	7	11	11
Maryland.....	Mary G. Deane.....	135	142	132	139	95	7,719.11	116	121	138	136
Michigan.....	Cynthia Heath.....	111	208	188	205	103	2,343.55	13	162	190	166
Minnesota.....	Marian Salisbury.....	60	80	65	83	46	934.41	4	73	74	75
Missouri.....	Fannie M. Gee.....	36	67	60	68	32	287.04	14	61	64	65
Nebraska.....	Lizzie A. Roberts.....	78	101	94	113	43	982.24	6	87	108	104
New Hampshire.....	Charlotte F. Bailey.....	56	59	54	61	26	1,069.61	22	55	60	59
New Jersey.....	Mary L. Walker.....	15	18	15	17	14	901.76	2	12	15	16
New York.....	Ada V. Sherwood.....	124	152	122	144	113	1,518.77	1	125	136	141
North Dakota.....	Mary J. Winship.....	5	6	5	6	5	00.00	...	6	6	6
Ohio.....	Emma F. Cressinger.....	201	301	221	300	150	4,034.58	26	202	260	259
Oregon.....	Julia Abraham.....	15	27	25	27	8	229.75	1	24	27	27
Pennsylvania.....	Martha Sherman.....	105	141	125	139	86	1,490.82	4	127	131	127
Potomac.....	Mary S. Parker.....	8	8	8	6	6	6.00	6	8	8	8
Rhode Island.....	Emily A. Hunter.....	10	13	10	13	8	346.99	5	4	11	11
South Dakota.....	Mary L. Thayer.....	21	29	16	29	16	94.93	...	28	28	28
Texas.....	Elma M. Brooks.....	3	7	4	6	1	77.00	2	6	7	7
Vermont.....	Florence H. Gates.....	46	60	57	62	30	572.91	14	50	58	58
Washington & Alaska.....	Lizzie Carnes.....	20	32	30	38	3	889.60	2	12	29	26
Wisconsin.....	Libbie C. Baer.....	81	110	88	108	26	1,200.49	15	53	87	79
Totals,		1667	2489	2203	2480	1283	\$34,745.98	390	1925	2246	2187
PROVISIONAL.											
Arkansas.....	Julia Thompson.....	4	4	....	4	....	50.00	....	4	4	4
Miss. & Louisiana.....	Josephine B. Lewis.....	4	4	4	4	....	25.00	....	3	4	4
Montana.....	Isabella J. Kirkendall.....	...	...	...	3	...	30.00	....	2	2	2
New Mexico.....	Mary S. McFie.....	...	3	3	3	...	...	....	3	3	3
Tennessee.....	Bianca L. Muller.....	7	7	7	7	...	...	....	7	9	7
West Virginia.....	Amanda L. Murdock.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...
Totals Prov. Depts.,		15	18	14	21	....	\$105.00	...	19	23	20
Grand Totals,		1682	2507	2217	2501	1283	\$34,848.98	390	1944	2269	2207

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT NATIONAL INSPECTORS, W. R. C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892. (SHOWING CONDITION OF DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.)

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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DEPARTMENTS.	ASS'T. NATIONAL INSPECTORS.	DATE OF ORGANIZAT'N.	No. of Council Meetings in year.	Average attendance of Members.	Amount paid Sec-etary.	Amount paid Treasurer.	Have all reports & dues been forw'd?	Amount of money in Dep't Relief Fund?	Amount of Relief money expended during administration.	Were Dept. books audited during present admin?	Do the books of Sec'y and Treas'r correspond?	Are the books ac- curately and sys- tematically kept?	What are the rela- tions of the De- partment G.A.R. and W. R. C.?
California.....	Eva F. Bell.....	Feb. 20, 1885.....	4	8	\$150.00	\$150.00	Yes	\$315.38	\$55.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Most Cordial.
Colorado & Wyoming.	Frances E. Hale.....	June 26, 1883.....	3	9	50.00	50.00	Yes	33.91	130.33	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cordial.
Connecticut.....	Augusta A. Platt.....	April 1, 1884.....	2	13	75.00	75.00	Yes	86.26	50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Cordial.
Illinois.....	Vesta Cadwallader.....	Jan. 30, 1884.....	1	7	192.94	192.94	Yes	45.08	43.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Friendly.
Indiana.....	Loretta J. Gorsuch.....	Sept. 17, 1884.....	2	10	200.00	200.00	Yes	46.28	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Perfect Unity.
Iowa.....	Nannie H. Kendig.....	July 8, 1884.....	4	8	400.00	400.00	Yes	94.35	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Pleasant.
Kansas.....	Jennie R. Marsh.....	Feb. 6, 1884.....	4	14	300.00	300.00	Yes	322.85	110.00	2	Yes	Yes	Harmonious.
Kentucky.....	Belle Ludwig.....	Sept. 28, 1886.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Pleasant.
Maine.....	Jennie F. Tobey.....	June, 1884.....	1	6	40.00	30.00	Yes	13.00	.....	2	Yes	Yes	Pleasant.
Maryland.....	Eliza F. P. Pray.....	June 2, 1887.....	10	10	10.00	10.00	Yes	23.99	51.69	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Harmonious.
Massachusetts.....	Leo. F. Flowers.....	Feb. 12, 1879.....	3	13	400.00	250.00	Yes	1,336.95	328.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent.
Michigan.....	Alice L. Seeley.....	April 2, 1884.....	3	9	200.00	200.00	Yes	.....	136.90	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Pleasant.
Minnesota.....	Artemisia D. Jones.....	Nov. 28, 1884.....	3	10	75.00	75.00	Yes	106.56	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Most Fraternal.
Missouri.....	Hattie M. Holmes.....	March 4, 1885.....	2	6	125.00	100.00	Yes	37.67	25.70	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious.
Nebraska.....	Alice C. Dilworth.....	April 2, 1884.....	4	11	120.00	120.00	Yes	4.81	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Pleasant.
New Hampshire.....	Ade. F. Goodwin.....	Oct. 21, 1880.....	5	11	75.00	75.00	Yes	154.94	20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Perfect Harmony.
New Jersey.....	Elizabeth McVoy.....	May 6, 1885.....	2	14	.....	.....	Yes	50.00	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good.
New York.....	Sarah C. Mink.....	Feb. 7, 1884.....	2	12	200.00	200.00	Yes	64.00	56.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious.
North Dakota.....	Rose G. Pinkham.....	April 23, 1890.....	4	5	300.00	300.00	Yes	40.12	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cordial.
Ohio.....	Lizzie G. Carpenter.....	Jan. 30, 1884.....	5	13	300.00	300.00	Yes	232.67	36.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Harmonious.
Oregon.....	Sarah E. Miller.....	Jan. 28, 1885.....	3	6	35.00	35.00	Yes	10.75	5.60	No	Yes	Yes	Harmonious.
Pennsylvania.....	Anna Wilbur.....	June 18, 1884.....	3	5	240.00	240.00	Yes	127.94	35.50	No	Yes	Yes	Perfect Harmony.
Potomac.....	Susie M. McCabe.....	July 23, 1890.....	23	10	.....	.....	Yes	20.76	521.28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cordial.
Rhode Island.....	Rebecca B. Davis.....	June 5, 1888.....	12	10	25.00	25.00	Yes	19.54	9.83	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Pleasant.
South Dakota.....	Lella L. Smith.....	Sept. 10, 1884.....	1	14	36.00	36.00	Yes	28.92	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Amicable.
Texas.....	Kate Birch.....	March 4, 1890.....	.....	.....	75.00	75.00	Yes	25.87	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cordial.
Vermont.....	Franc'e M. Powers.....	Feb. 4, 1885.....	2	11	.....	.....	Yes	6.61	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very Friendly.
Washington & Alaska	Margaret G. Lovell.....	Nov. 11, 1886.....	6	2	.....	.....	Yes	18.64	228.34	2	Yes	Yes	Harmonious.
Wisconsin.....	Emily S. Abbott.....	June 26, 1883.....	3	10	150.00	100.00	Yes	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious.
PROVISIONAL.													
Arkansas.....	Julia Thompson.....	Aug. 20, 1891.....	.....	.....	16.89	20.32	Yes	.....	32.21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Cordial.
Miss. and Louisiana.....	Josephine B. Lewis.....	Dec. 1, 1891.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....	.....	No	.....	.....	Cordial.
Montana.....	Isa. J. Kirkendall.....	July 18, 1891.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Friendly.
New Mexico.....	M. M. Rindisale.....	Jan. 30, 1888.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....	.....	No	Yes	Yes	Excellent.
Tennessee.....	Kate T. Moore.....	June 25, 1889.....	2	3	.....	.....	Yes	.....	.....	No	Yes	Yes	No
West Virginia.....	Aman. L. Murdock.....	June 27, 1891.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....	70.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Friendly.
Totals									\$3,267.85	\$1,963.38			

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF DETACHED CORPS, W. R. C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1891.

(SHOWING CONDITION OF DETACHED CORPS.)

NAME OF CORPS.	No. of Corps.	LOCATION.	No. of regular meetings in the year. *										Is the work of the Ritual memorized?										Is the work of Secretary properly performed and books correct?		Is the work of Treasurer properly performed and books correct?	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	1	2	3	4				
J. W. Owens	1	Phoenix, Ariz.	12	18	...	...	Yes	Yes	\$1.00	\$1.00	...	...	...	No	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes				
U. S. Grant	1	Wilmington, Del.	12	16	...	...	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	No	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes				
B. C. Lincoln	2	Key West, Fla.	12	105	8	40	Yes	Yes	1.00	4.20	\$28.90	\$141.50	...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$52.90	No	...	Yes	Yes				
Chas. Gabriel	3	Jacks'nville, Fla.	12	37	...	...	Yes	Yes	2.00	2.00	19.00	15.00	...	No	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
J. A. Logan	4	St. Augustine, "	12	24	...	...	Yes	Yes	2.00	2.40	...	...	...	No	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
J. B. Steadman	1	Tallahpoosa, Ga.	12	20	4	10	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
O. M. Mitchell	2	Atlanta, "	12	38	4	12	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	...	75.00	\$10.00	No	Yes	No	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
R. G. Shaw	3	Savannah, "	12	56	...	...	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	No	Yes	No	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
J. C. Beecher	1	New Berne, N. C.	12	48	...	...	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	No	Yes	No	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
Fletcher	2	Eliz'b'th Cty. "	12	23	...	...	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	No	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	No	Yes				
James B. McKean	1	St. Lk. City, Ut.	24	63	6	20	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	47.81	134.25	51.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes				
John A. Dix	24	Ogden, Utah	24	52	10	20	Yes	Yes	1.50	1.00	46.33	50.00	...	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	110.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Cailloux	1	Norfolk, Va.	12	75	6	28	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	50.00	...	...	...	Yes	Yes	Yes	...	No	...	No	Yes				
Shaw	3	Norfolk, "	12	40	6	20	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	60.00	...	...	...	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	No	Yes				
Dahlgren	12	Norfolk, "	12	21	5	12	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	...	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	No	Yes				
Silas Fellows	4	Portsmouth, "	12	22	5	14	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	28.00	...	...	...	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	No	Yes				
Draper	7	Deep Creek, "	24	30	6	20	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	14.00	...	...	...	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
Lincoln	5	Prince's Anne, "	12	20	8	15	Yes	Yes	1.00	1.00	16.00	...	...	...	Yes	...	Yes	...	No	...	Yes	Yes				
Totals	252	711	6+	20	...	...	...	...	1.14	1.37	\$310.04	\$415.75	\$61.00	...	...	...	...	\$162.90	...	...	...	...

In accordance with instructions, each Department has been notified to order from National Treasurer the inspection blanks, Form O, in ample time to begin the work of inspection Sept. 1st, 1892.

The record of another year will soon be closed; and as I turn the last leaf and say "Adieu," it is with pleasant impressions of the agreeable hours spent in reviewing the work of inspection and in correspondence. A generous friendship has been meted out to me with unstinted hands. The names of all to whom I am indebted for favors received in the work of my office, are too many to be mentioned here.

I thank the National Secretary and National Treasurer for the kind assistance so often given me.

The work so cheerfully performed by the Assistant National Inspectors has been invaluable, and their devotion to the interests of the Order has lightened my labors. The Department Presidents and officers, with thoughtful kindness, have ever been ready to "lend a hand."

Mrs. President, I am not able to properly express my gratitude to you for your preferment in appointing me to this high office, but I shall ever carry with me the conviction that you have shown me extreme partiality. With the consciousness of having tried to do the work assigned me, I respectfully submit it for inspection.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

EMILY J. BUTTERFIELD,

National Inspector.

REPORT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER.

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL I. AND I. OFFICER,

MARYSVILLE, OHIO, Aug. 5, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I herewith present a consolidated report of the Department Instituting and Installing Officers, together with the work done in this office, for the year ending June 30, 1892.

My predecessor had so well systematized the work that there was little for me to do except to carry out her plans; and the supplies of the office, as recommended by her and approved by the Convention, have been completed with the exception of the letter file, which should be procured as soon as convenient.

So much writing was necessary to have the work of organization in distant States satisfactorily completed, that with the advice of the National President the following letter was issued:—

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL I. AND I. OFFICER, W. R. C. }
AUXILIARY TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
MARYSVILLE, OHIO, January, 1892. }

I. and I. Circular.

I. The following information is given for the benefit of Posts desiring the information of Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

II. All loyal women (this means those who have not given aid or comfort to the enemies of our Union), who have attained the age of sixteen, are eligible to membership, without reference to relationship to the soldier. Carefully note Sections 1, 2, and 3, Art. II., Chap. I.; also, Art. IV., Chap. I., of the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps.

III. Applications for Charter must be made on regular W. R. C. Blanks, furnished by National Headquarters, and obtained of the National I. and I. Officer.

IV. Applications for Charter must not have less than ten (10) signatures of women eligible to membership, and must be endorsed by the Commander of the Post applying for Charter.

V. This application, duly signed and accompanied by the Charter fee (\$5.00), and also \$13.00 for supplies (necessary to organize a Corps of fifteen members), will be sent to National Secretary, ELLA COBEAN, Delavan, Ill., and upon its receipt an officer will be detailed to institute the Corps and install its officers.

VI. All supplies must be paid for in advance.

VII. "Only those obligated on the day the Corps is organized can become Charter members, except should any have signed the application for Charter and *unable* to be present at organization, they may, if initiated within a month, have their names enrolled on the Charter."

VIII. Instituting officers are requested and expected to write very plainly and spell each name correctly on regular Institution blanks, and forward two copies to the National I. and I. Officer, who will then, and not until then, have their Charter engrossed and sent to the Corps.

IX. All Corps must bear the name of the Post to which they are auxiliary.

X. The membership fee shall not be less than \$1.50. This includes a badge and copy of Rules and Regulations.

XI. The Woman's Relief Corps has ceased to be an experiment. So well has it succeeded in advancing the interests of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that it enjoys the unqualified endorsement of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The success of a Corps depends very largely on the character of its charter members, and too great care cannot be taken that they may be intelligent, unselfish and patriotic, that there may be able hands and zealous hearts to advance the work of the Woman's Relief Corps.

XII. After the Corps is legally organized the officers will be elected and installed under the direction of the Instituting Officer, and not before.

XIII. In States having no organized Department of the W. R. C., the National President may detail a comrade of the Grand Army to institute the Corps, where no member of the Order is within reasonable distance. The travelling expenses of the I. and I. Officer must be borne by the Corps organized.

XIV. In making application for Charter, please state whether the applicants are white or colored.

XV. The following is a list of supplies necessary for organizing a Corps of fifteen members :—

Charter, with ten Rituals		\$5 00
10 Officers' Badges	@ 40 cents	4 00
5 Membership Badges	@ 40 cents	2 00
2 Service Books	@ 25 cents	50
15 Rules and Regulations	@ 7 cents	1 05
10 Odes	@ 1½ cents	15
1 Corps Requisition		20
1 Journal		80
1 Cash Book		90
1 Ledger		90
1 Roll Membership		90
1 Secretary's Order Book		50
1 Treasurer's Receipt Book		50
1 General Order File Book		60
Total		\$18 00

Forty-seven (47) cents must be added for each additional applicant, to cover cost of badge and copy of R. and R.

XVI. The following blanks are furnished free to Detached Corps, upon request from the Corps Treasurer:—

Applications for Membership, Arrearage blanks, Relief reports, Treasurer's bond, and National Convention Journals, so far as editions are not exhausted, while several other blanks are sent at the proper time by the National Treasurer, Armilla A. Cheney, 84 Brainard St., Detroit, Mich.

XVII. Please read these instructions carefully and understandingly, and be assured the National I. and I. Officer will gladly render any further assistance or information desired.

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

LENA ROBB,

National President.

National I. and I. Officer.

Early in the year, another Corps was organized in New Orleans; so Louisiana and Mississippi were made a Provisional Department, with Josephine B. Lewis as President.

It was thought best to leave the work of organization in Provisional Departments to the Provisional Department officers, thus relieving the National officer of a large territory; and so well have they succeeded that we hope to see, soon, Montana, West Virginia and Tennessee, at least, made regular Departments. West Virginia has more than the required number of Corps; but she preferred to gain the strength acquired by a greater number of members before forming a Department.

At the beginning of the year, Idaho and Alabama were the only States having no representation in our work; but Idaho has

joined our ranks, with three excellent Corps, and supplies and detail ready for the fourth one. This entitles her to a Provisional Department. So far, the efforts in Alabama have proven fruitless; but, judging from letters received, we trust the next year will see a harvest.

Special attention has been given Oklahoma and Indian Territories, with but little visible good; but some soil takes more cultivation than others: and this seems to need more.

It was thought to be for the good of the Order to remand the Provisional Department of Virginia to Detached Corps; and, under the supervision of a National Aide, one more Corps was formed.

The consolidated returns from Departments, Provisional Departments and Detached Corps show 323 Corps organized, with a total charter membership of 6,912. New York heads the list with 31 Corps organized and 626 charter members; but to Indiana belongs the honor of the largest single Corps, organized at Warsaw with 76 charter members.

Only six Departments show an increase over last year in number of Corps organized, and nine show slight increase in charter members, while five show less than one-half as many Corps: which plainly indicates that many of the States have been thoroughly organized, though none can compare with little Utah, which has a Corps for every Post. There are three Posts in the Department.

Six Departments failed to send election returns; only three report yearly Installations of Corps; and notwithstanding the admonitions of special delivery letters, postals and telegrams, two Departments have failed to report for the last quarter.

More than 275 letters and 125 postals have been written; 100 circular letters and 110 Quarterly Report blanks have been sent out.

Charters have been issued to Corps in the following States: Idaho, 3; Louisiana, 2; Utah, 1; Arizona 1; Tennessee, 1; Virginia, 1. Andre Cailloux No. 3, New Orleans, was organized too late for last year's report, but before Convention. Two Corps have been organized in Florida since June 30, which are not included in the tabulated report.

One recommendation I wished to make emphatic; but in glancing over the reports of my predecessors, was a little surprised to find that Mattie B. Moulton, in her report for 1889, made exactly the same recommendation, which was emphasized by the Committee and approved by the Convention; and still it has not had the desired effect. So I very respectfully but emphatically call your attention to it again: "That Departments be required to notify National Instituting and Installing Officer when quarterly reports are due, if they have no report to make for the quarter." Stationery is usually furnished Department officers, and, if not, postal cards are cheap; and it would not take long to write "No Corps organized this quarter," and send it to the National Officer the first day of the new quarter; for that kind of a report does not need "thirty days" of grace, and it will save much time and wearing of patience. And even the recommendation of Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders, only last year, "that reports for the last quarter should be in by July 10," was forgotten.

We close the work of the year with 29 Departments, 6 Provisional Departments and 36 Detached Corps, with good prospect of several more Corps before Convention.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER, W. R. C.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

NAME OF DEPARTMENT.	No. of Corps In- stituted.	Total No. Charter Members.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.	NAME OF INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER.
California.....	3	77	Jennie L. Southworth.....	Carrie C. Fuller.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	3	41	Mary L. Carr.....	Ellen B. Billow.
Connecticut.....	1	15	Harriet J. Bodge.....	Elizabeth Disbrow.
Illinois.....	24	537	Sarah E. Hannion.....	Clara L. S. Stinson.
Indiana.....	26	556	Ida S. McBride.....	Mattie E. Grill.
Iowa.....	23	596	Sara L. Rothrock.....	Christine Snyder.
Kansas.....	19	315	Ida W. Moore.....	Fannie S. Potts.
Kentucky.....	4	98	Mary A. Ninekirk.....	Fannie Davis.
Maine.....	2	37	Mary E. Luman.....	Orilla A. Whitcomb.
Maryland.....	6	133	Mary A. H. Cadden.....	Sallie A. Moore.
Massachusetts.....	10	333	Mary G. Deane.....	Annie K. Day.
Michigan.....	18	330	Cornelia S. Perry.....	Ann M. Barney.
Minnesota.....	12	268	Mary E. Leavens.....	Lottie E. Baird.
Missouri.....	12	227	Agnes C. Sterrett.....	Julia E. Dockery.
Nebraska.....	17	382	Amanda B. Tisdell.....	Nellie C. Hards.
New Hampshire.....	9	306	Augusta S. Bennett.....	Grace G. Whyte.
New Jersey.....	1	16	Sarah A. Reed.....	Abbie J. Whittier.
New York.....	31	626	Ellen M. Putnam.....	Stinson Smith.
North Dakota.....	5	79	Sue R. Caswell.....	Georgiana Henry.
Ohio.....	21	478	Anna O. Carroll.....	Callie W. Waddell.
Oregon.....	6	87	Mary J. Train.....	Julia A. Gault.
Pennsylvania.....	14	270	Eva M. Evans.....	Anna M. Wilbur.
Potomac.....	3	78	Ida V. Hendricks.....	Louise Schimmerhorn.
Rhode Island.....	8	179	Emily L. Sibley.....	Maria A. Wilson.
South Dakota.....	3	46	Sara E. Holmes.....	Libbie A. Wardall.
Texas.....	4	78	Ann E. Knight.....	Allie M. Shulze.
Vermont.....	4	113	Ellen M. Seaver.....	Alice E. Willoughby.
Washington and Alaska.....	7	302	Lizzie R. Herrick.....	Anna Watson.
Wisconsin.....	18	302	Louise C. Williams.....	Mary L. Ludwig.
PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS.				
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	Julia Thompson.....	
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	.....	.....	Josephine B. Lewis.....	
Montana.....	2	65	Isabella Kirkendall.....	
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	Mary S. McFie.....	
Tennessee.....	1	21	Bianca L. Muller.....	
West Virginia.....	1	25	Amanda L. Murdock.....	
Totals,	314	6,714		

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,
LENA ROBB, *National Instituting and Installing Officer.*

REPORT OF THE INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER OF DETACHED CORPS, W. R. C., FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

NAME OF CORPS.	No.	LOCATION.	No. of Charter Members.	Date of Institution.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	NAME OF INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER.	GENERAL RE- MARKS.
Andre Cailloux ...	3	New Orleans, Louisiana..	12	July 20, 1891	Jane Randolph.....	Josephine B. Lewis	Colored Corps.
John H. Crowder ..	4	New Orleans, Louisiana..	30	Dec. 7, 1891	Anna Sheppard.....	Josephine B. Lewis	Colored Corps.
Phil Sheridan	1	Boise City, Idaho.....	26	Dec. 11, 1891	Mary G. Miller.....	Frances J. S. Swanger ..	White Corps.
Geo. R. Maxwell ...	3	Salt Lake City, Utah	40	March 4, 1892	Joanna Melton.....	Joanna Melton.....	White Corps.
Geo. A. Custer.....	2	Pocatello, Idaho.....	13	May 12, 1892	Delia E. Becraft	Alex. Womersley.....	White Corps.
Alexander.....	2	Globe, Arizona.....	12	May 18, 1892	Mary E. Jones	James Wiley	White Corps.
Major Anderson ..	3	Moscow, Idaho.....	33	May 27, 1892	Ella G. Davis.....	Jennie C. Draper.....	White Corps.
Chickamauga.....	7	Chattanooga, Tennessee..	15	May 28, 1892	Pauline Gibson.....	C. W. Lewis.....	Colored Corps.
Wm. T. Sherman..	15	Phœbus, Virginia.....	17	June 29, 1892	Esther Robinson.....	Amelia F. Colgan	Colored Corps.
Totals,	9		198				

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

LENA ROBB,

National Instituting and Installing Officer.

I am indebted to many of the Departments for General Orders, Circulars, Rosters, Journals of Conventions; and my thanks are due for all such official courtesies, which have been very gratefully received.

To the prompt and efficient work of those detailed to organize Detached Corps, as well as of the various Department officers with whom I have had correspondence, much of the success of the year must be attributed; and could inclination have been my guide, replies would have been sent to the many pleasant personal letters.

Since my report was made to the National Secretary Tennessee has issued a call for Convention, to organize a permanent Department, September 6, and the fourth Corps in Idaho was organized in July. Supplies have been sent for a Corps at Beaver, Oklahoma; and four other Posts have requested blank applications and instructions: so the good work has begun in that territory.

I am especially thankful to the National President, Secretary and Treasurer, for great assistance in the work of the year and their uniform patience in answering my many questions.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

LENA ROBB,
National Instituting and Installing Officer.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF PENSION COMMITTEE.

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN PENSION COMMITTEE,
CANTON, O., Aug. 1, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,
National Secretary, W. R. C.

Dear Madam:

The 52d Congress will ever be held in grateful remembrance by the Woman's Relief Corps, for the passage of the Army Nurse Bill, in aid of the woman heroes of camp, field and hospital. A similar bill, introduced by the Relief Corps Committee, passed the Senate in the 50th, and again in the 51st, Congress; but it did not come to a vote in the House, although reported favorably by the House Committees. This time our tactics were reversed; and reasonably sure of the Senate, we had our bill originate in the House. It is pleasant to reflect that no pension bill has ever passed Congress with the lines of partisan demarkation so nearly obliterated. Beautiful tributes were paid to woman's work in the war by veterans both of the Blue and the Grey.

It would be impossible to give to the Tenth National Convention even a brief résumé of the prodigious amount of work done to secure the passage of the Army Nurse Bill, as outlined by Harriette L. Reed, our faithful Secretary; of the letters written, the telegrams despatched, the personal solicitations, the delicate handling of political wires. Thus had it been, year after year: but always a pension bill with more influence behind it and of vaster import had stood in our way. This time the docket was clear, and the House Committee on Invalid Pensions made up almost entirely of old soldiers, whose hearts were with us from the beginning. Had their will been law, the Army Nurse Bill would have passed Congress months earlier; but it was far down on the calendar when reported, and then the consent of the Committee on Rules had to be secured to allow it to come up out of its regular order. To secure this meant influence, and this the advocates of the

measure were able to command. So the bill passed ; but let no one think that the work is done. By reference to the bill, it will be seen that Section 2 forbids any agent or attorney to accept a fee for the prosecution of any claim under this act. This means that the whole Relief Corps must turn gratuitous claim agents, to assist army nurses to secure evidence, and conduct necessary correspondence. Department Relief Committees can render valuable service in this direction.

An examination of the Army Nurse Bill will show that only those coming with certain specifications can secure pensions. This leaves many nurses still to be cared for by local Corps, or in Relief Corps institutions, State and National. Let there be no relaxation of activities in aid of these honored women.

The Army Nurse Bill was guarded from all points up to the hour of its passage. Harriette L. Reed, Secretary of the Pension Committee, spent, in all, six weeks at Washington in its interest ; and Annie Wittenmyer, President Board of Directors National Relief Corps Home, was on the ground the greater portion of five months, working for private bills and general legislation. Before going to Washington, she tendered her services to this Committee and was given full discretionary power to act for the Chairman. Through her influence, the Secretary of the Interior has promised a special detail, in order that Army Nurses will not suffer long delay in securing their rights. She also secured the consent of the War Department to accept and file records of Army Nurses, the files of the War Department being very incomplete. To her the loyal women of the Nation are under a new debt of obligation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the thanks of Tenth National Convention be extended the Committee on Invalid Pensions, House of Representatives, 52d Congress, for their able advocacy of the Army Nurse Bill, as set forth in their report to the House, and for uniform courtesies extended to Relief Corps representatives coming before them ; especially to Hon. A. N. Martin, Chairman of Committee, and Hon. W. H. Butler, our able champions in the House, who relaxed no efforts until the bill became a law.

2. That the thanks of Tenth National Convention be extended to the Senate Committee on Pensions, 52d Congress, for

services and courtesies to the Woman's Relief Corps in connection with the Army Nurse Bill; especially to Hon. C. K. Davis, Chairman of Committee, for his gallant defence of the army nurses and complimentary mention of the Woman's Relief Corps on the floor of the Senate.

3. That the Relief Corps institute efforts to place woman matrons and nurses in all our Soldiers' Homes, State and National. The Comrades demand this, and humanity requires it. It is recommended that the National President, in General Orders, enjoin Departments to this end.

4. That the Relief Corps unite in a movement whereby the inmates of Soldiers' Homes shall be required to pay over a portion of their pension money each quarter for the support of wives and families dependent upon them.

In my report at Second National Convention, at Minneapolis, in 1884, the recommendation was made that the "Woman's Relief Corps memorialize Congress from every State and Territory in the Union, asking Congress to provide fittingly, not only for the widows and orphans of soldiers, but to grant an honorable pension to every woman who gave her best services, her dearest hopes, for the salvation of her country."

For eight years it has been my privilege to work in this line. In that time, Congress has pensioned the widows, the orphans and the army nurses. We have the National Relief Corps Home and numerous State Homes, where provision is made for the classes for which we have labored; but at every step our work unfolds new vistas for woman's activities. Let us go on, my sisters, in the old war spirit of self-renunciation, rejoicing as we go, until the golden goal is reached.

The cordial co-operation of the National President in the work of this Committee is gratefully acknowledged. A whilom associate in pension and relief work and in full sympathy with woman's needs, our relations have been most pleasant.

All members of the Committee, Clara Barton, Mary A. Logan and Elizabeth A. Turner, rendered the Chairman and Secretary important service on call; and to all these, warmest thanks are extended.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

KATE B. SHERWOOD,

Chairman Committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF PENSION COMMITTEE.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 1, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,

*National Secretary, W. R. C.**Madam:*

I have the honor to submit my report of the work of this office for the year 1891-92. I can touch upon the most important items of work only: for it has many and various branches, one of which is the writing of all sorts and descriptions of letters. The Secretary is supposed to know all about the pension laws, and be able to give advice upon all matters pertaining to pension legislation. It has been my privilege and pleasure to assist the widows of soldiers whose claims had been long delayed or whose papers were faulty and incomplete, and in a few cases to help the soldier himself to ascertain the names and addresses of comrades, where additional testimony was required to prove his claim. But by far the larger part of the correspondence has related to the "Army Nurse Pension Bill," as friends of the measure all over the country have desired knowledge concerning it.

Before the assembling of Congress, the Chairman of our Committee, Kate B. Sherwood, had formulated her plans for work and notified the Secretary to hold herself in readiness to go to Washington at a moment's notice.

Early in February, Annie Wittenmyer, Chairman of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home Board, being in Washington, the Chairman of our Committee, Kate B. Sherwood, requested her to represent our Committee there and report the outlook, promising my assistance should it be needed. About the middle of February, the message came, "Come on and help me;" and as soon as possible I heeded the call.

Before my arrival, two bills had been introduced and were already in the hands of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, known as the Cogswell Bill and the Grout Bill. I was prepared to advocate the Belknap Bill, which had been introduced the previous year, originating with the Pension Committee. Such a diversity of bills seeming to me disadvantageous at the outset, my first effort was in the direction of a union of forces; and learning that the Secretary of the Army Nurse Association, Ellen S. Tolman, was already in Washington in the interest of their bill, presented by Gen. Cogswell, I sought her co-operation and assistance. By invitation of the President of the Army Nurse Association, Harriet P. Dame, I attended a meeting of the Army Nurses of Washington; and we then and there planned to work together for the best bill that could be obtained. From that time forth we were in complete accord, laboring early and late for one and the same end.

Annie Wittenmyer, whose hands were already full, lent all her influence and gave of her precious time to further our progress; and day after day we haunted the Capitol, interviewing the members of Congress and imploring their aid. From the first, the House Committee received me most courteously, asked many questions regarding the condition and number of these nurses, expressed their sympathy for them, and gave me to hope that, though they might not fully endorse any of the previous bills presented, they would prepare a bill which they could support. I earnestly pleaded with them to insert a three months' limit for the term of service; but they decided that it must be six months. Day after day and week after week we continued our labors, and my stay in Washington lengthened to five weeks before I felt that I had reached the end; and then, as Mrs. Wittenmyer was to remain longer, and to save further expense, it seemed best for me to return home and continue the work in other directions. Letters innumerable were written to influential men and women all over our land by the various members of our Committee, and by word and pen our friends were importuned to help us.

June 28, the Butler Bill, reported by the Invalid Pension Committee, passed the House and was read in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Pensions. Our Chairman, learning

some days later that the Senate Committee was disinclined to report the bill at the first session, wrote me the situation and instructed me to be ready to go to Washington and stay until the adjournment, if necessary. We all redoubled our efforts to secure a favorable report from the Senate, and letters and telegrams from prominent men and women of the country again went pouring in. After advising with Chairman Martin and friends of the measure in both House and Senate, and acting upon their advice, I again visited Washington, reaching there in the torrid July heat. Together with Clara Barton, I had a lengthy conference with Chairman Davis of the Senate Committee and other advocates of the bill. At that time it was said the Senate would not accept the House bill, and that the House would not agree to the Senate substitute. July 27, the Senate passed the substitute, which went direct to a Conference Committee, three from the House and three from the Senate. A compromise was agreed upon and accepted by both Houses of Congress and is now a law. A copy is herewith presented.

NOW A LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled :

That all women employed by the Surgeon-General of the Army as nurses, under contract or otherwise, during the late war of the rebellion, or who were employed as nurses during such period by authority which is recognized by the War Department, and who rendered actual service as nurses in attendance upon the sick or wounded in any regimental, post, camp, or general hospital of the armies of the United States for a period of six months or more, and who were honorably relieved from such service, and who are now or may hereafter be unable to earn a support, shall, upon making due proof of the fact according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the list of pensioners of the United States and be entitled to receive a pension of \$12 per month; and such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the Pension Office after the passage of this act: *Provided*, That no person shall receive more than one pension for the same period.

SECT. 2. That no fee, compensation, or allowance shall be paid to, received, or accepted by any agent, attorney, or other person instrumental in the prosecution of any claim for pension under this act; and any person who may make any claim upon any applicant for any fee, compensation or allowance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court; and it shall be the duty of the Interior and War Departments to render all proper aid to applicants under this act.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY NURSES.

[Extract from the report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, House of Representatives.]

The Association of Army Nurses, with headquarters at Washington, D.C., and the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States, have both been engaged, during the past two years, in conducting a thorough correspondence throughout the entire country, with a view to secure a complete list of such women as served as army nurses during the civil war.

While their lists do not absolutely harmonize, there is sufficient in their statements, when compared, to show that together they have secured the names and addresses of approximately the entire number of such nurses; and such correspondence does not secure a list even as large as that stated (three hundred) who could possibly become beneficiaries under this act.

This small band of noble women are the sole remaining representatives of a class of patriotic women who came from every section of our land. In their service they knew no North, no South. As angels of mercy they came to care for and comfort both Blue and Grey. They ministered to the needs of the suffering everywhere. On field or in hospital their sweet voices were heard, and their gentle touch was given to assuage sorrow and pain.

Many of them were women of wealth, who left comfortable homes and worked without pay; many even giving of their own means to relieve the sufferings of the sick and wounded soldiers.

Others who received small payment for their services parted with that scanty sum of money to purchase food and medicine for the soldier boys under their charge.

Many were broken down in health: and such, if living today, are among the sufferers from that war.

The benefits of this bill apply only to such army nurses as "are without other adequate means of support than their own daily labor."

ARMY NURSE CERTIFICATES.

The time and labor given to pension work has, for a time, lessened the number of souvenir certificates which I have been able to prepare and forward. The work still goes on, though difficulties increase as we proceed. The records of many of those who have not already received certificates are so incomplete that they do not furnish the items for the proper filling out of the certificate, and letters must be written to ascertain the necessary facts. Many of these letters have returned to me "unclaimed," proving that the addresses which I have are incorrect. Many Departments have failed to send me their list of army nurses; and while I have sent out about 250 certificates, I have received only some 80 letters acknowledging the receipt of them; and I have no other means of knowing that they have reached their destina-

tion. A few have been lost, some received in very imperfect condition (being wrecked in transportation), and some perplexities and annoyances have attended the distribution; but the kind letters received and the pleasure expressed by the recipients quite outbalance the discomforts.

GONE TO THEIR REWARD.

Though the membership has not largely decreased, a few of the "faithful workers" have gone to their reward.

The only names received by me are as follows:—

Ann M. Matheney	.	.	.	Illinois.
Mary Hill	.	.	.	Washington.
Rhoda Ann Reynolds	.	.	.	Illinois.
Emeline Remick	.	.	.	Kansas.
Adelia New	.	.	.	Indiana.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the National President be instructed to promulgate the following in General Orders, *viz.*: Corps shall notify Department Secretary of the death of any Army Nurse that may be known to them, and the Department Secretary report the same to the Secretary of Pension Committee.

2. By the advice and consent of Mrs. Sherwood, Chairman of this Committee, I cordially recommend that the sum of \$200 be presented Annie Wittenmyer in recognition of her long and arduous services at Washington in behalf of the Army Nurse Pension Bill.

3. While recognizing the splendid success attending our labors this year, we must not forget those who have worked with equal zeal and fidelity on the Pension Committee since its organization; and I therefore take great pleasure in recommending: That this Convention pass a vote of thanks to all the noble women who from the beginning have made this glorious result possible.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

HARRIETTE L. REED,

Secretary.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME.

SANATOGA, PA., July 10, 1892.

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President, W. R. C.

Madam :

I have the honor to report the National W. R. C. Home, under the able management of the Matron, Hannah R. Plimpton, and the Assistant Matron, Miss Maynard, as in a prosperous condition.

The report of the National Treasurer will show that there was in the Home Fund, June 30, 1892, \$1,987.17. During the year three issues have been made to Army Nurses outside of the Home, who were in great need, nearly one hundred pressing cases being on our list, who have been helped each quarter. The number to be supported in the Home has almost doubled; and yet, by the development of our own resources and strict economy, we have been able to make larger issues to Army Nurses outside of the Home, and to afford a more comfortable support to those in the Home than is enjoyed by many of those who help to maintain it. The amount in the Treasury June 30 has been greatly lessened by the expenses of the third quarter and the fourth issue to Army Nurses outside the Home. But, notwithstanding the large increase in the number of inmates, the four issues to Army Nurses outside of the Home, and my expenses in Washington in securing pensions, we still have on hand about \$1,000.

At my request the National President, with the consent of her Council, transferred \$150 from the Jensie Wells fund to the Home fund — \$75 to be applied on my expenses in Washington, and \$75 for the purchase of a beautiful burial plot in Middle Ridge Cemetery, which had been selected by the Board of Directors.

The development of our own resources has greatly decreased the running expenses of the Home. Not only have the grounds about the Home been beautified, but every foot of soil has been utilized. The purchase of a good cow has saved the milk bill, and added largely to the comfort of the inmates. The orchard, which is well set in grass, and the lower part of our field (fenced off for that purpose) affords ample pasture for our horse and cow. The rest of the ground is in grapes, berries of all kinds, vegetables and corn.

We need more land; but the Board of Directors have not yet received enough money to make the purchase, and have therefore delayed. There are now 20 inmates in the Home, and a large number of applications pending.

The Ohio Cottage has been completed, and we trust will be formally turned over to the Board of Directors before the meeting of the National Convention. The building is a beautiful and commodious structure, and will stand for years as a testimonial of the generosity and loyalty of Ohio and a credit to the committee appointed by Governor Campbell, who have with so much skill and fidelity carried out the will of the Legislature. The report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors, Mrs. P. L. Cowles, which is herewith transmitted, will furnish further information.

Many valuable presents have been sent to the Home by Corps, which have added to the comfort of the inmates and beautified the institution. As no appeal has been made to Corps, these free-will offerings have demonstrated the deep interest the members of the Order are taking in the Home, which they have made the quiet, beautiful resting-place of the army nurses who did such heroic service during the war, and the mothers and widows of soldiers, who have given so much to their country, and who usually come to this sweet place of rest worn and weary, after a long, hard struggle with poverty and sickness.

The very complete report of the Matron, herewith appended, will give a full showing of all donations, and other matters connected with the Home.

The health of the inmates has been very good most of the time, and is now in most excellent condition. During the winter la grippe seemed to be epidemic in that section, and all the inmates were more or less affected by it, and some of them were very ill.

But Miss Kate L. Cooledge, although she had resigned the matronship of the Home, remained at her post, and with great energy and self-sacrifice devoted herself to their care until Mrs. Plimpton (who had been elected matron, but who was detained by sickness) was able to relieve her from duty. It would seem but just that some special recognition should be accorded Miss Cooledge for her special devotion to the sick of the Home at that time, as the Order is under great obligations to her.

There has been but one death in the Home in the two years of its existence. In June last, Mrs. Almira Hanson, a soldier's mother, after a lingering illness passed away in great peace. She was buried in our own beautiful burying plot in Middle Ridge Cemetery, with the same cost and care as we would have buried a beloved mother. One of the inmates said, on returning from the funeral: "The Woman's Relief Corps takes care of us while we live, and goes just as far out into the dark valley as they can; and when we die, bury us as Christians should be buried — not as paupers. I know now that I shall be decently buried when I die." The Post and Corps of Madison came out in a body to show their interest and respect. Further particulars of her ailment and death and a statement as to the health of the Home will be found in the Physician's Report, which accompanies this.

Through my efforts in the Pension Office while in Washington, I was able to secure pensions for several of the inmates, and, under the law pensioning army nurses, several others, inmates of the Home, will be pensioned. I secured a pledge from the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Pensions that a special force should be put upon this class of pensioners and their claims hurried through. It is very desirable that these women should receive advice and assistance in preparing their claims, as no pension agents are allowed to handle them. This duty would seem to belong to the Pension Committee.

In closing, I desire to thank you personally, Mrs. President, for your valuable advice and hearty co-operation in all the perplexing questions and duties connected with the management of the Home, and in the more arduous work in Washington, and to report that the utmost harmony exists among the members of the Board of Directors, and that they have been untiring in their zeal,

and prompt and capable in all the duties required of them. The duties of the Secretary, Mrs. P. L. Cowles, this year have been heavy, involving a large correspondence and making heavy demands upon her time. It would seem but just and proper that some compensation attach to that office.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a suitable testimonial be given to Miss Kate L. Cooledge for her self-sacrificing devotion to the sick of the Home during the prevalence of la grippe.

2. That the Secretary of the Board of Directors be allowed such a salary as the Board may think is just and proper.

3. That the Pension Committee be intrusted with the work of assisting Army Nurses to push their claims through to success.

4. That a special vote of thanks be given to Hon. A. N. Martin of Indiana, chairman of the Pension Committee of the House, and Hon. W. H. Butler of Iowa, author of the Butler bill, for their able and eloquent championship of the Army Nurse Pension Bill, and to all the members of that Committee who, without regard to party, stood unitedly and strongly for the bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

ANNIE WITTENMYER,

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Nat. W.R.C. Home.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NATIONAL
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }
NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME, }
GENEVA, OHIO, June 30, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam :

I have the honor to report to you the work of this office and of the Board of Directors, during the second year of the National Relief Corps Home.

Since last report the Board of Directors have held three meetings. The first was held at National Headquarters, Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Mich., Aug. 3, 1891, in accordance with General Orders No. 9 of National President Mary Sears McHenry. All the members were present except Mattie B. Moulton of New Hampshire. Annie Wittenmyer was Chairman, Mrs McHenry having resigned her position as Chairman *ex officio*, May 18, 1891. The annual reports of officers were adopted. Some details in regard to the financial plan were arranged and action taken that an Auditing Committee be appointed at the first regular meeting after Convention; and that the Matron be allowed a contingent fund not to exceed \$50.00 at any one time, and that she be required to make a detailed report to the Board. The case of Mrs. A. M. Dresser, a helpless army nurse from Michigan, was presented by the Department President W. R. C. of Michigan, Mrs. Sara L. Brown, and Mrs. Hattie P. Thompson, Chairman of Department Relief Committee, and was referred to the Committee on Admission.

At the call of the Chairman, the Board again met at the same place Aug. 8, 1891. All the members were present, including

the newly elected member, Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig. Among the important questions considered were a number of special cases asking for relief. A copy of the memoranda, an appendix to the deed, drawn up by the Chairman of the Board and duly attested and recorded by the former Trustees of the National Home property, giving the full interpretation and import of the term "Dependents" in the deed, was read by the Secretary and approved by the entire Board.

The third meeting of the Board was held at the National Home, Oct. 2-3, 1891, at the call of the Chairman, on the days succeeding the laying of the corner stone of the Ohio Cottage. The Board organized with Mrs. Wittenmyer as Chairman, as ordered by the Convention, with all the members present excepting Mrs. Ella Cobeau, National Secretary, *ex officio* member, and Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig. Pluma L. Cowles was re-elected Secretary. The Committee on Admission remains the same, also the Committee on Printing. The following committees were elected: Committee on Rules: Mrs. Lowd, Mrs. Mink, Mrs. Craig; Auditing Committee: Pluma L. Cowles, Annie Wittenmyer and National President Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders, *ex officio* member; Committee on Literature: Sarah C. Mink and Charity Rusk Craig. The report of the Committee on Rules was adopted, the most important being the one in regard to pensions. In view of the Home providing everything for the inmates, including not only a home, but food, clothing, washing, medical services and nurses when needed, it was deemed just and fair that those who receive pensions should give a generous share towards the support of the Home; therefore, the rule was adopted and is as follows:—

If the applicant for admission to the Home is a United States pensioner, she shall file, with her application, a consent or agreement to transfer to the Matron immediately after receiving her quarterly pension the whole amount received by her as such pension, the money so paid to be deposited with the Treasurer of the Home, subject to the disposition of the Board of Directors; and she shall execute any power or voucher for securing the same. This rule shall apply to all members of the Home.

Provided, that the Directors may, in their discretion, allow any portion of such pension for the support of the dependent family of the pensioner.

And further, that there be allowed to each pensioner the sum of four dollars per month for her own use. But in any case where an improper use is made of such money, leading to misconduct or infraction of the rules of the Home, the payment of the amount to such pensioner may be suspended by vote of the Committee on Admission.

The amount of issue to Army Nurses was raised to \$8.00 for the first class, and \$6.00 for the second class, until further notice. Mrs. Wittenmyer was empowered to visit Washington, D. C., in the interest of pensions to all who are or may be inmates of the National Home. Some necessary improvements were ordered on the premises, also hospital appliances for use in the sick room. The financial plan adopted was as follows:—

The Matron shall collect all bills against the Home. The first of each month she shall prepare a monthly statement of these bills, her bills, books and statement to be approved by the Chairman of Auditing Committee. The latter shall then forward the monthly statement to the Chairman of the Board for her approval. She in turn shall forward the statement to the National President for her approval and order upon the National Treasurer, for payment to the Matron, who pays and retains receipted bills.

A burial lot was purchased in the Middle Ridge Cemetery, a short distance east of the National Home. Provision for the payment of the same has since been made from the Jensie Wells Fund, with the approval of the National Council. Appreciative resolutions were passed for the efficient and faithful services of Miss Kate L. Cooledge, Matron, Miss Mattie Maynard, Assistant Matron, and the other employees of the Home.

THE OHIO COTTAGE.

The corner stone of the Ohio Cottage was laid Oct. 1, 1891, with fitting ceremonies, in the presence of about 5,000 people. As a member of the Construction Board of the Ohio Cottage, which has met monthly, and as Chairman of Committee of Arrangements for the above occasion, your Secretary this year has been endeavoring to do double duty for the Order. Elaborate arrangements were made for the day, which proved one of the finest, and were successfully carried out and widely published.

Invitations were extended to all Posts G. A. R. and W. R. C. of the Dept. of Ohio, to all National and Department officers, and to many distinguished individuals. Gen. S. H. Hurst of Ohio delivered a most fitting oration. Important and official papers, with the emblems of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., were placed in the stone by Annie Wittenmyer, Chairman of Board of Directors, and Sue A. Pike Sanders, National President, with felicitous speeches. The stone was swung to its place by Hon. E. J. Clapp and Hon. A. H. McCoy, who "touched elbows" in securing the appropriation for the Cottage; and the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" never sounded sweeter than in those closing moments. This beautiful building has risen in fair proportions to completion, and, fully equipped, will be dedicated, it is expected, before the National Convention meets at Washington.

A description of the building may be of interest to the Order. It presents to the south a front of 98 feet. The end portions extending north have a depth of 70 feet, and enclose in the rear of the main building an open court. The height from the ground to the ridge is 50 feet; to the flagstaff, 72 feet; to the top of the flagstaff, 88 feet. The basement or first story is built of Berea stone, and the remainder of brick with stone trimmings. The roof is of slate. In the basement are furnace rooms, brick oven, laundry, three cellars, two elegant dining rooms connected by folding doors, kitchen, pantry and two storerooms. On the second floor are one reception room, Matron's room, office, 18 rooms for inmates, two bathrooms with closets, and two linen closets. All rooms open into corridors, with two flights of staircases. The third floor is the same as the second, with the exception that two large opposite parlors open into a wide corridor by folding doors; and each inmate's room has a clothespress attached. The attic is finished with fifteen dormer windows. It contains one bath room with closet, four sleeping rooms, two storerooms for bedding, and a capacious clothes drying room. The system of sewerage and drainage is very complete. The building is supplied with water from a tank in the tower, which has a capacity of 100 barrels. It is filled from a large, unfailing well, the water being forced into the tank by a windmill. The water is conveyed

in pipes from the tank to bathrooms, closets, kitchen and laundry ; also to a hot water tank connected with the kitchen range. From this a system of hot water pipes furnishes hot water to kitchen, laundry, bathrooms and toilet rooms. The building is heated by two large Victor heaters, connected with hot water radiators placed in every room. It is lighted by gas, manufactured from gasoline by an automatic gas machine, situated several feet north of the Cottage. Elegant fixtures, with 165 gas burners, are placed in the Cottage. The rooms are finished in white pine, with oak staircases and floors. The walls are white, hard-finished throughout, except in lower reception room, Matron's room, lower corridors, dining room and kitchen. These have steel ceilings beautifully decorated. The kitchen and laundry are fitted up with a very full supply of all needed furnishings. The dining room is furnished with tables, chairs, table linen, decorated granite china table service and silver, sufficient for fifty persons. Elegant and fitting furniture adorn the parlors, Matron's room, office, guest's chamber and corridors. The best body Brussels carpets are upon these floors. In the rooms for inmates are handsome Agra carpets and furniture of oak, consisting of dresser, bedstead, mattress, springs, washstand, small stand, two chairs (one a rocker), rug, and a wardrobe where rooms are not provided with a clothespress. Shades are hung at every window, and in all the sleeping rooms are chamber sets of beautiful decorated granite china. Two large verandas in the rear of the second and third floors look out upon the open court.

In front of the building are five balconies. The front of the second story is adorned with arched windows, and over the central ones, and directly over the main entrance, carved in stone, are the words "Ohio Cottage." The first appropriation for the erection of this building was \$25,000. Later, \$5,000 was added for heating, lighting and water power; and at the last session of the Legislature \$5,000 more was appropriated for furnishings. The total value of Cottage and furnishings, therefore, is \$35,000. The Construction Board have given their best thought and time, at no little sacrifice, in the performance of the difficult task assigned them. All their plans and selections of furnishings have been

with the thought of the greatest comfort and convenience of those for whom it is built, and for the good of the Order at large.

Nov. 1, 1891, Miss Kate L. Cooledge resigned her position as Matron, and Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton, past National Secretary, was elected to the position. Owing to sickness, Mrs. Plimpton did not arrive until Feb. 8, 1892. During this time la grippe attacked the inmates of the National Home. Miss Cooledge remained at the post of duty, and with the Assistant Matron, Miss Maynard, kindly cared for the sufferers. No death occurred, although in neighboring localities scores of the aged were swept away. The Board of Directors are greatly indebted to Miss Cooledge for her faithful services. Her place left vacant has been most admirably filled by Mrs. Plimpton, and the closing of this second year of the history of the National Home shows satisfactory prosperity.

ARMY NURSES.

Early in the year it became the height of my ambition to find every needy Army Nurse in the several Departments and the names of all not yet reported to the Pension Committee. To this end, as our work was in common, I sought the co-operation of the Secretary of the Pension Committee, Mrs. H. L. Reed. It was most cordially given, and a mutual plan adopted and submitted to the National President, Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders, who, in General Orders No. 4, kindly engrafted our wishes, in calling for the aid of Department Presidents, through local G. A. R. and W. R. C., to assist in the search. Although this effort nearly doubled the correspondence of the year, the result has been most gratifying. It is also the most satisfying part of the duties performed, as in recompense is bestowed the loving gratitude of the loyal hearts of these aged ones. We are greatly indebted to Department Presidents and their Relief Committees for valuable aid in this work, which cost them much extra labor. Three quarterly issues have been made to Army Nurses, the largest number on the list of those endorsed by Departments as needing aid being 86. Total amount given, \$1,558. Of this, special aid of \$27 was given Charlotte Ross, Department

of Kansas, for an operation upon her eyes. The operation was successfully performed, and Mrs. Ross can say, "I now see." Of this amount also \$40 was given Emeline Remick of Strawberry, Kan., who died of cancer, Jan. 23, 1892. One other death on the list was Mrs. Mary E. Hill of Washington, D. C., who died Nov. 11, 1891.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL W. R. C. HOME.

Number from Michigan,	8	Number from Ohio . . .	31
" " Indiana . .	4	" " Kansas . . .	3
" " Iowa . . .	2	" " Vermont . .	3
" " Missouri . .	2	" " New York . .	2
" " Florida . .	1	" " Pennsylvania,	1
" " So. Dakota, 1		" " Utah . . .	1
" " Rhode Isl'd, 1		Total	60

CLASS OF APPLICANTS AND DECISIONS UPON APPLICATIONS.

Number of army nurses . .	10	Number withdrawn . . .	9
" " widows . . .	20	" not eligible . . .	3
" " mothers . . .	12	" pending	22
" " sisters	3	" deferred	4
" " veterans and wives, 8		" died	1
" " wives	3	" approved	17
" " children	1	" not approved . . .	4
" " not eligible . . .	3	Total	60
Total	60		

The work in this department involves heavy correspondence, and is in a measure unsatisfactory, owing to delayed correspondence on the part of those making application. The work of Secretary, though not as varied and laborious as last year, has been constant, and its duties as known, and those of Chairman of Auditing Committee, have been carefully performed and to the best of my ability. Two months of the year I was prostrated by sickness; but during that time no known cases for relief were neglected, but letters in their behalf were dictated. The National Relief Corps Home is today the grand beneficence its founders designed. It is conducted with harmony, system and success, and is increasing in favor with all to whom it is known. I am

under obligation to sisters throughout the Departments, to sister members of the Board of Directors, to the National Treasurer, and the Matron, for kindly consideration and helpfulness, in the difficult yet glorious task set for me to do.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. That as the financial plan now in use at the National Home is plain, safe and most satisfactory to the Matron, Auditing Committee and National Treasurer, I recommend that it be continued.

2d. That a duplicate copy of Department election returns shall be sent to the Secretary of the Home, at the same time and manner as to the National Secretary, the National Secretary to send an extra blank for this purpose at time of issuing.

Most respectfully and fraternally submitted,

PLUMA L. COWLES,
Secretary Board of Directors.

REPORT OF MATRON, NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME, }
MADISON, OHIO, June 30, 1892. }

ANNIE WITTENMYER,

Chairman Board of Directors, National W. R. C. Home.

Madam :

As Matron, I hereby submit the second annual detailed report of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home, from June 30, 1891, to June 30, 1892.

The Home was presided over by the first Matron, Miss Kate L. Cooledge of Cambridgeport, Mass., with care and efficiency until Feb. 8, 1892.

The Physician's report will give in detail the condition of the inmates and the sickness that all suffered with during the winter months. Suffice it to state the remarkable recovery of all these aged ones from la grippe was owing to the skilful Doctor, and ever-watchful care and nursing by Miss Cooledge and her worthy and able assistant, Miss Maynard.

Number of Inmates remaining in the Home June 30, 1891	11
Number admitted during the year	9
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	20
Number left the Home, 3; lost by death, 1	4
Remaining June 30, 1892	16

Admissions to National W. R. C. Home.

1891.

July 29.	Mrs. Almira N. Hanson, Wayne, O.,	soldier's mother.
Aug. 12.	Mrs. Caroline M. French, Hoytville, Mich.,	" widow.
" 13.	Mrs. Elizabeth C. King, Cleveland, O.,	" "
Nov. 6.	Mrs. Ann M. Dresser, Reading, Mich.,	army nurse.
Dec. 17.	Mrs. Eunice W. Wood, Dell Rapids, S. D.,	soldier's widow.

1892.

Jan. 5.	Mrs. Lydia M. Stannard, Chagrin Falls, O.,	soldier's mother.
" 7.	Mrs. Lucinda O. Elliott, Oberlin, O.,	" "
Feb. 16.	Mrs. Lydia A. Grover, Springfield, Mo.,	" widow.
Apr. 9.	Mrs. Margaret P. B. Wood, Columbus, O.,	" mother.

Inmates who have left the Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. F. Hall, returned to Detroit, Aug. 18, 1891.

Mrs. Caroline M. French (by own request), Dec. 24, 1891.

Mrs. Almira N. Hanson (by death), June 4, 1892.

This is the first death since the opening of the Home. All that loving hands could do for her was cheerfully done. She was laid away quietly and tenderly in the beautiful Middle Ridge Cemetery, in the burial lot of the National W. R. C., the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Madison attending and participating in the exercises. Members of the family have planted beautiful flowers on the grave and visit it almost every day.

Rooms furnished by Corps in Frame Building at National W.R.C. Home, since June 30, 1891, and value of furnishings.

Henry Baxter W. R. C. No. 127, Jonesville, Mich., Room 2	\$25 00
Polo W. R. C. No. 104, Polo, Ill., Room 8	20 00
Gordon Granger W. R. C. No. 57, Saginaw, Mich.	75 00

Boxes of Supplies Received at National W. R. C. Home, with value as given.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Stanley	W. R. C. No. 284, Forest	\$ 6 00
Choat	" 18, Napoleon	5 00
Cooper	" 194, Marion	15 00
Gardner	" 261, South New Lyme	7 15
Merwin	" 114, Braceville	10 30
H. C. Scott	" 205, St. Paris	12 75
Brand	" 202, Urbana	16 00
Eaton	" 191, Wadsworth	9 05
J. R. Richardson	" 245, Lakeside	3 50

Amount carried forward \$84 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$84 75
Cantwell	W. R. C. No. 138, Kenton	6 60
Ben. Butterfield	" 200, Lancaster (slumber robe)	10 00
Bowers	" 141, Geneva (cook book)	1 10
Wells	" 66, Columbus (3 rockers)	10 00
Bell Harmon	" 58, Warren (rocker)	value not given
Spangler	" 131, Bellaire	"
Brooklyn	" 167, Brooklyn Village	"
Randall	" 222, Prairie Depot	"
McMillen	" 181, South Charleston	"
Value as given,		<hr/> \$112 45

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

Major Patton	W. R. C. No. 76, Vevay	\$4 70
Lookout	" 72, Noblesville	7 00
Wm. Smith	" 54, Sheridan	value not given
John Craig	" 12, Jeffersonville	"
James H. Emmett	" 8, Wabash	"
John F. Ruckle	" 40, Indianapolis	"
Ben North	" 89, Rising Sun	"
Value as given,		<hr/> \$11 70

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

Sedgwick	W. R. C. No. 36, Gardner	value not given
Jas. T. Shields	" 121, Galesburg	"
Driskell	" 87, Paris	"

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

Fairbanks	W. R. C. No. 10, Detroit	\$12 00
Wm. Richardson	" 169, Millington	12 83
J. B. Brainard	" 38, Eaton Rapids	7 10
W. H. Borden	" 28, Ionia	5 00
Hill	" 52, Middleville	2 50
Phil. Kearney	" 105, Muskegon	27 25
James T. Tarsney	" 155, Ransom	3 00
A. B. Watson	" 171, Grand Rapids	value not given
Value as given,		<hr/> \$77 68

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN.

Alex. Lowrie	W. R. C. No. 18, Viroqua, one year's subscription to "Cosmopolitan"	\$3.00
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DEPARTMENT OF IOWA.

Beaver	W. R. C. No. 220, Tipton	\$4 50
Abe Lincoln	" 180, Council Bluffs	3 75
Crocker	" 27, Des Moines	3 00
Jas. C. Taylor	" 208, Algona	value not given
Value as given,		<hr/> \$11 25

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

James A. Garfield	W.R.C. No. 62, Jefferson City	\$10 15
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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Doyl	W. R. C. No. 163, New Haven	\$7 78
Phineas Catlin	" 147, Odessa	value not given

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE.

Ansel G. Taylor	W. R. C. No. 35, Caribou	value not given
Total value of boxes as given,		<hr/> \$234 01

Value of Additions to Rooms Furnished by Corps made since June 30, 1891.

Room No. 1, George G. Meade	W. R. C. No. 97, Lexington, Mass.	\$20 00
"	3, Woman's Relief Corps, Dept. of Iowa	5 00
"	5, Gen. Joe Bailey W. R. C. No. 15, Nevada, Mo.	7 00
"	8, Paulus W. R. C. No. 304, Ashtabula, O.	7 00
"	9, Forsythe W. R. C. No. 1, Toledo, O.	5 00
"	10, John A. Logan W. R. C. No. 56, Denison, Ia.	4 25
"	14, Dyer W. R. C. No. 84, Painesville, O.	25 30

Specials from Departments.

Dept. of New York, invalid reclining chair	\$20 00
" Connecticut, invalid wheel chair	44 30
" " antique oak side-board	56 50
Total value of all boxes and furnishings sent by Corps,	<hr/> \$548 36

Special Gifts from Friends.

Cherries, cucumbers, corn, grapes, quinces and flowers: Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Berry, Madison, O.

Pears and milk: Mrs. S. N. Viets, Madison, O.

Milk, cherries and flowers: Mrs. J. T. Collister, Madison, O.

Apples: Mrs. Chas. M. Andrews, Madison, O.

Melons, tomatoes and corn: Fred Rand, Madison, O.

Cherries, grapes, onions and rhubarb: George Cook, Madison, O.

Quinces: Mrs. Hammond, Madison, O.

Two views of Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, Mass.: Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, Chelsea, Mass.

Quinces and tomatoes: Mrs. E. J. Smith, Madison, O.

Tomatoes: Mrs. Strock, Madison, O.

Flowers and plants: Mrs. W. L. Colby, Madison, O.

Peaches: Mr. Burns, Perry, O.

Milk: Mrs. Wood, Madison, O.

Turkey, liver and celery: E. W. Ingersoll, Madison, O.

Library, 206 volumes: Mrs. Harriet White, New York, N. Y.

Sixteen volumes for library: Mrs. R. P. Penfield, Plainfield, N. J.

Milk: Mrs. Genung, Madison, O.

Large photograph — "The Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock": Ninth National Convention.

Tenth Census, U. S. Agriculture: A. H. Richards, Unionville, O.

One jar kraut: Mrs. Foster, Geneva, O.

Five pounds compressed pea soup: Kopf & Co., Boston, Mass.

One pair pillow shams, 2 tray cloths, 1 splasher: R. W. Surby, Battle Creek, Michigan.

"The Life of Christ": Mrs. Mary L. Camp, Owego, N. Y.

Seeds: Jeremiah M. Rusk, Com. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Fifteen rhubarb plants: George Balch, Madison, O.

Two pails of kraut: Mrs. C. K. Keener, Thompson, O.

One and a half bushels of seed potatoes: J. T. Collister, Madison, Ohio.

Floral cross and cut flowers: G. H. Hopper and family, Unionville, Ohio.

Reading matter and photograph of J. M. Rusk's grand-daughters: Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig, Viroqua, Wis.

Twenty-one volumes "Brick Pomeroy's Books": Mrs. Stimson Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y.

- Hulled corn: Mr. McLaughlin, Painesville, O.
 Horse-radish and grater: W. H. Genung, Madison, O.
 Mince meat and canned fruit: Mrs. Pancost, Madison, O.
 One gallon maple syrup and sugar: Mrs. Martha King, Madison, Ohio.
 Crayon portrait of Mrs. Sarah C. Mink: Mrs. Ellen M. Putnam, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Cut flowers: Mrs. N. Cone, Madison, O.
 Fee for recording deed of burial lots: Harley Barnes, Esq., Painesville, O.
 Rhubarb: Royal Prouty, Madison, O.
 Cut flowers: Kate Viets, Madison, O.
 Photographs of C. G. Hampton and wife: C. G. Hampton, Detroit, Mich.
 Watermelon, oranges and bananas: S. W. Plimpton, Madison, O.
 Reading matter: J. P. Tallman, Madison, O.
 Smoked herring: Anna Carrigan, Madison, O.
 Cut flowers: Daniel Lee, Madison, O.
 One dozen white aprons: Sackett's Harbor, N. Y.
 Ten pairs bed slippers: Mrs. Sarah C. Mink, Watertown, N. Y.
 One dozen each, peach and plum trees: Hannah R. Plimpton, Madison, O.
 One large flower bed: Daniel Lee and Mattie E. Maynard, Madison, O.
 Amount of money dropped by visitors in donation box, in the hall at the Home, \$13.25.

Newspapers in Addition to Those Reported Last Year.

(Contributed by the Editors.)

Picket Guard . . .	St. Louis, Mo.
Geauga Leader . . .	Burton, O.
Geauga County Record,	Chardon, O.
Sunshine	Boston, Mass.
National Echo . . .	Burlingame, Kan.
Painesville Telegraph.	Painesville, O.
Coffee Cooler . . .	Sturgis, Mich.
National Picket . . .	Monticello, Ill.

(Contributed by friends in Viroqua, Wis.)

Cosmopolitan . . .	New York.
Union Signal . . .	Chicago, Ill.
New York Tribune .	New York.
National Tribune . .	Washington, D. C.
Young People's Weekly,	Elgin, Ill.
Farm and Fireside . .	Philadelphia, Pa.

Money Received for Special Use as Designated by Donors.

	Unexpended.	Expended.
Lewis W. R. C., No. 29, Xenia, O., for Christmas gifts		\$5 00
Stanley W. R. C., No. 284, Forest, O., for Mrs. Brown (inmate)		5 00
Sherman W. R. C., No. 248, Hudson, O., for Christmas gifts		1 00
Bowers W. R. C., No. 141, Geneva, O., for Christmas gifts		5 00
Memorial W. R. C., No. 44, Cleveland, O., for Christmas gifts		12 00
Independence W. R. C., No. 253, Independence, O., for Christmas gifts		90
Ladies' Aid Society, Ohio Division, Medina, O., for furnishing L. A. S. room	\$5 00	
Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Iowa, to complete furnishing room 3		5 00
Coleman Asbury W. R. C., No. 259, Mt. Victory, O., for wardrobe and crockery (room in Ohio Cottage)	10 00	
Gordon Granger W. R. C., No. 57, Saginaw, East Side, Mich., for wardrobe and crockery	10 00	
Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Minnesota, for Mary E. Leavens room	50 00	
Henry Baxter W. R. C., No. 127, Jonesville, Mich., for "Henry Baxter" room 2, Frame Building	8 65	16 35
Farragut W. R. C., No. 92, Chicago, Ill., for chair, wardrobe and crockery, room 3, Frame Building	1 00	13 25
Farragut W. R. C., No. 4, Battle Creek, Mich., for Mrs. Dresser (inmate)		5 00
Totals	\$84 65	\$68 50

Money Received for General Use.

From Ohio Cottage Board, for expenses	\$20 00
“ sale of apples	8 57
Collection from First Baptist Church, Ashtabula, O. . .	5 30
Albion W. R. C. No. 120, Albion, Ill.	3 50
A. W. Graves “ 206, Lockland, O.	5 00
Moses Wisner “ 90, Ithaca, Mich.	10 00
Gen. Chas. Griffin “ 141, Farwell, Mich.	5 00
Farragut “ 4, Battle Creek, Mich.	6 00
Bradford “ 134, Bradford, Ill.	5 00
Contents of contribution box at the Home	13 25

(The following from those who receive pensions. See Pension Rules, in Report of Secretary of Board.)

Mrs. Louisa H. Shute (mother), pension for 3 quarters	\$72 00
“ Betsey M. Philbrick, “ “ 1 “	24 00
“ Martha King (widow), “ “ 1 “	12 00
“ Elizabeth C. King (widow), “ “ 2 “	24 00
Miss Mary J. Welch (army nurse), “ “ 2 “	48 00

Total for general use \$261 62

Turned over to National Treasurer \$414 77

ACCOUNT OF STOCK IN NATIONAL W. R. C. HOME.

Office (furnished by Potomac Corps, Washington, D. C.): 1 roller-top desk, 1 pivot office chair, 2 office chairs, 1 table, 1 student lamp, 1 Brussels carpet, 1 rug, 1 scrap basket, mantel and clock; 2 lace draperies, 1 picture of Capitol.

Lower Reception Room: Organ and stool, 6 rocking chairs, 2 tables, 1 hanging lamp, 2 lace draperies, 2 prs. portieres, 1 Bible, 4 pictures, 1 stand cover.

Upper Reception Room (furnished by Department of New York): Couch, divan, tete-a-tete, upholstered chair, 2 prs. portieres, 4 prs. lace draperies, China silk for transom, spread for table, 1 library case, 206 volumes in library, 5 rocking-chairs, 1 table, 1 sewing machine, 1 hanging lamp, crayon pictures of Annie Wittenmyer, Kate B. Sherwood, Mary S. McHenry and Sarah C. Mink, 1 large photograph “Drummer Boy of Rappahannock.”

Rooms Furnished by Corps.

No. 1 (Lexington, Mass.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 prs. blankets, 22 towels, 1 counterpane, 1 water set, 1 pr. pillows, 3 rugs, 1 pr. lace draperies, wardrobe, mantel, dust pan, match safe, 2 bath cloths, 1 rocker, 2 toilet covers, 2 dust bags, 1 laundry bag, 1 stocking bag, book of "Lexington," 14 views of Lexington, small painting, framed picture, 1 quilt, 1 souvenir spoon.

No. 2 (Carthage, O.): 6 sheets, 6 pillow-slips, 1 pr. blankets, 1 comfort, 12 towels, 1 clock, 2 counterpanes, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 3 toilet covers, 1 pr. pillows, 2 rugs, mantel and drapery, dust bag and cloth, 1 lace drapery, 1 cushion, brush and comb.

No. 3 (Department of Iowa): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 prs. blankets, 2 counterpanes, 14 towels, 1 pr. pillows, 3 rugs, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 1 clock, 1 rocker, 1 pr. lace draperies and ties, 1 toilet cover, 1 dust pan, mantel and drapery.

No. 4 (New Mexico): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 prs. blankets, 2 counterpanes, 24 towels, 1 pr. pillows, 3 rugs, 1 wardrobe, 1 water set, dust pan and brush.

No. 5 (Nevada, Mo.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 prs. blankets, 2 counterpanes, 23 towels, 1 pr. pillows, 1 splasher, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 3 rugs, 2 toilet covers, 2 prs. pillow-shams, 1 fancy tidy, 1 drape, dust pan and brush.

No. 6 (New York): 12 sheets, 12 pillow-slips, 2 counterpanes, 1 pr. pillows, 30 towels, 3 rugs, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 1 pr. pillow-shams, 2 prs. blankets, 1 pr. lace draperies, 2 toilet covers, 1 quilt, silkene for back of washstand.

No. 8 (Ashtabula, O.): 4 sheets, 4 pillow-slips, 1 pr. blankets, 2 comforts, 1 counterpane, 10 towels, 1 pr. pillows, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 2 lace draperies, 3 rugs, 1 pr. pillow-shams, vase, cushion, 2 glasses, cuspidor, chamber-pail, bath rug, 2 combs and brush, 2 hassocks, stand scarf, 1 splasher, 2 toilet covers, 1 tidy and ribbon.

No. 9 (Toledo, O.): 8 sheets, 6 pillow-slips, 2 comforts, 2 counterpanes, 14 towels, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 1 clock, 2 combs, 2 brushes, pillow and sheet shams, 1 pr. pillows, 1 pr. lace draperies, 3 rugs, cushions, tidies, pictures, whisk broom and holder, 2 brackets and drapes.

No. 10, "McHenry" (Denison, Ia.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 counterpanes, 12 towels, 1 wardrobe, 1 water set, 1 pr. lace draperies, 3 rugs, 2 prs. blankets, 1 pr. pillows, 1 toilet cover, mantel and drapery, 1 pr. pillow-shams, dust pan and brush.

No. 11 (Zanesville, O.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 prs. blankets, 2 counterpanes, 14 towels, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 3 rugs, 1 pr. lace draperies, dust pan, clock, Bible, 1 pr. pillow-shams, 1 laundry bag, toilet mats, 1 pr. pillows, 3 toilet covers, 1 splasher, work basket, pin cushion, 1 toilet set, toilet bottle of camphor, whisk broom and holder.

No. 12 (Troy, O.): 4 sheets, 6 pillow-slips, 1 pr. blankets, 2 comforts, 2 counterpanes, 12 towels, 1 water set, 1 wardrobe, 1 pr. pillows, 2 rugs, 1 hassock, 2 toilet covers, 2 lace draperies, splasher, duster and pictures.

No. 13 (Maryland): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 prs. blankets, 1 comfort, 2 counterpanes, 24 towels, 2 prs. pillows, 3 rugs, water set, wardrobe, splasher, 2 prs. lace draperies, 2 slipper holders, 2 toilet covers, 1 pr. shams, 1 pin cushion, whisk broom and holder, dust pan and brush, "Old Gent and Lady."

No. 14 (Painesville, O.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 1 pr. blankets, 1 comfort, 2 counterpanes, 12 towels, 1 pr. pillows, 3 rugs, 1 mattress cover, 1 pr. lace draperies, 1 pr. pillow-shams, splasher, brush and comb, whisk broom and holder, water set, wardrobe, 1 rocker, 1 clock, 1 stand, 2 vases, head rest, pin cushion, 4 toilet covers, shelf and drapery and fancy articles.

No. 15 (Conneaut, O.): 6 sheets, 6 pillow-slips, 1 pr. blankets, 1 comfort, 1 counterpane, 12 towels, 1 pr. pillows, 1 pr. lace draperies and ribbon, 1 mattress cover, clock, Bible, bottle of camphor, bath rug, dust cloths and bag, dust pan and brush, laundry and shoe bag, 2 toilet covers, wardrobe, water set, 1 pr. pillow-shams, brush, comb, cushion, mantel and drapery.

Frame Building.

Reception Room, Ohio Division Ladies' Aid Society: 1 couch, 5 chairs, 1 table, 1 mantel, 3 lace draperies and 3 poles, 1 clock, 1 lamp.

No. 2 (Henry Baxter Corps, Jonesville, Mich.): 4 sheets, 4 pillow-slips, 2 comforts, 1 counterpane, 12 towels, 1 pr. blankets, wardrobe, water set, 1 pr. pillows, 1 pr. pillow-shams, 3 prs. lace curtains and poles, splasher and tidy.

No. 3 (Farragut Corps, Chicago, Ill.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 counterpanes, 2 prs. blankets, 1 pr. pillows, 1 pr. pillow-shams, 24 towels, 3 rugs, wardrobe, water set, clock, 1 chair, 3 prs. lace draperies and ties, shelf and drapery, dust pan and brush, 4 pictures, 2 mantel ornaments, 2 fancy fans, 1 toilet bottle, 1 palette, 6 tidies and hooks.

No. 4 (Bay City, Mich.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 1 pr. pillows, 24 towels, 2 counterpanes, 2 prs. blankets, 3 rugs, 1 pr. pillow shams, wardrobe, water set, dust pan and brush.

No. 8 (Polo, Ill.): 8 sheets, 8 pillow-slips, 2 prs. blankets, 23 towels, 2 counterpanes, 1 pr. pillows, 1 brush.

Summary of Furnishings sent by Corps since June 30, 1891.

40 sheets, 40 pillow slips, 9 prs. blankets, 2 comforts, 9 counterpanes, 115 towels, 5 prs. pillows, 9 rugs, 4 wardrobes, 4 water sets, 16 prs. lace draperies and ties, 2 prs. portieres, 2 couches, 1 divan, 1 tete-a-tete, 6 upholstered chairs, 4 rockers, 2 quilts, 2 stands, 13 toilet covers, 261 books, 8 prs. pillow-shams, 4 brushes, 4 dust pans, 4 mantels, 4 drapes for mantels, 3 clocks, 6 curtain poles, 11 tidies, 6 tidy-hooks, 1 lamp, 2 vases, 2 hassocks, 2 dust bags, 1 laundry bag, 1 stocking bag, spread for table, silk for transom, silkene for washstand, 1 souvenir spoon, 14 views of Lexington, Mass., 1 match safe, 1 broom holder, 1 head-rest, 8 fancy articles.

General Supply of Bedding and Table Linen.

325 sheets, 623 pillow-slips, 23 blankets, 119 comforts, 68 quilts, 25 counterpanes, 590 towels, 38 pillows, 32 pillow-shams, 14 white table cloths, 6 red table cloths, 11 tray cloths, 8 table mats, 42 white napkins, 28 white doilies, 45 colored doilies, 2 table covers.

Household Furniture.

20 single and 6 double bedsteads, 26 coiled wire springs and 22 covers, 22 mattresses, 56 chairs, 26 tables, 26 dressing cases, 26 commodes, 5 cabinets, 7 wardrobes, 1 invalid wheel chair, 1 invalid reclining chair, 7 stoves and pipes, 1 oil stove heater, 15 moquette carpets, 5 Brussels carpets, 4 Brussels hall carpets, 9 ingrain carpets, 3 stair carpets, 50 window shades, 9 rugs.

Dining Room Furniture, Crockery and Silver.

1 antique oak sideboard, 1 refrigerator, 1 Gurney heater, 3 dining room tables, 24 dining room chairs, 10 pictures, 4

brackets, 6 muslin curtains and rods, 2 call bells, 34 dinner plates, 58 tea plates, 51 dessert plates, 66 saucers, 51 sauce dishes, 37 butter pads, 62 tea cups, 11 platters, 8 cream pitchers, 6 gravy boats, 5 large pitchers, 6 sugar bowls, 5 butter dishes, 8 covered dishes, 6 vegetable dishes, 9 bowls, 23 soup bowls, 2 syrup pitchers, 1 fancy plate, 1 medicine mug, 3 toothpick holders, 27 glass tumblers, 1 goblet, 1 glass lemon squeezer, 2 glass fruit dishes, 1 glass bread plate, 11 glass sauce dishes, 2 glass cream pitchers, 2 glass spoon holders, 2 glass sugar bowls, 4 vinegar cruses, 16 pepper shakers, 16 salt shakers, 10 individual cream pitchers, 9 individual sugar bowls, 47 silver knives, 4 doz. silver forks, 4 doz. silver teaspoons, 3 doz. silver dessert spoons, 1 doz. silver table-spoons, 4 silver butter knives.

Kitchen Furniture and Utensils.

5 muslin curtains, range and furniture, 3 tables, 2 chairs, 1 towel rack, 1 match safe, 4 wooden pails, 1 papier maché pail, 15 stone crocks, 5 jugs, 2 oil tanks, 1 oil can, 1 clock, 1 bread knife, 1 carving knife and fork, 2 butcher knives, 4 vegetable knives, 10 kitchen knives and forks, 1 soup ladle, 3 large spoons, 3 kitchen spoons, 9 kitchen teaspoons, 1 steak pounder, 1 chopping knife, 4 tin pails, 3 dish pans, 1 bread pan, 2 water dippers, 2 wash-bowls, 7 bread tins, 14 pie tins, 5 pans, 1 milk pail, 9 basins, 4 kettles, 2 stew pans, 1 colander, 1 steamer, 1 oatmeal cooker, 1 toaster, 4 cups, 3 graters, 1 biscuit cutter, 1 flour sifter, 1 skimmer, 1 tea strainer, 1 starch strainer, 2 tea pots, 2 coffee pots, 1 tea steeper, 1 wire dishcloth, 2 earthen cake bowls, 1 chopping bowl, 2 cake boards, 1 meat board, 1 rolling pin, 1 potato masher, 1 potato brush, 1 sugar bucket, 1 pr. scales, 3 servers, 1 brush and tray, 1 can opener.

Miscellaneous Articles.

24 bracket lamps, 7 hand lamps, 2 head lights, 3 lanterns, 1 lamp tray, 9 screen doors, 48 window screens, 4 chamber pails, 1 carpet sweeper, 6 brooms, 5 dust pans, 2 mops, 6 whisk brooms, 2 mirrors, 2 prs. shears, 1 thermometer, 3 coal hods, 1 ash sifter, 1 coal shovel, 2 stove shovels, 9 sad irons and cover, 1 washing machine, 3 wash tubs, 2 washboilers, 1 wash bench, 2 wash boards, 2 wringers, 2 clothes baskets, clothes lines and pins, 1 clothes horse, 1 ironing board, 1 pr. ice tongs, 1 ice pick, 1 ice pan, 150

feet rubber hose, 1 sprinkler, 2 dust scoops, 3 cuspidors, 1 china bed pan, 1 rubber bed pan, 1 hot water bag, 1 syringe, 1 rubber sheet, 6 cakes toilet soap, 203 fruit cans, 8 cans fruit, 30 jelly cups, 27 cups jelly, 6 gals. jam, 12 bottles catsup, 50 lbs. dried apples, 8 vases, 10 picture frames, organ duster, 6 fans, 16 dust bags, 36 tidies, 38 cushions, 20 head rests, 15 splashers, 18 pin balls, 10 dust cloths, 15 throws, 20 pin cushions, 12 toilet mats, 3 mantel drapes, 2 laundry bags, 3 whisk broom holders, 2 slipper holders, 1 hairpin holder, 1 cushion cover, 1 set towel rings, 1 window lambrequin, 2 window curtains, 2 bolts cloth, 1 darning ball, reading matter, 1 brush, 5 combs, 1 razor, mug, strop and 2 brushes, 1 backgammon board, 1 set dice, 1 box dominoes, 1 box lotto, 1 puzzle "Pigs in Clover," 1 suit men's clothes, 1 shirt, 2 prs. men's gloves, 8 prs. men's socks, 2 prs. suspenders, 4 neckties, 3 corsets, 1 jersey waist, 39 prs. stockings, 23 chemise, 6 prs. drawers, 20 waists, 26 night dresses, 9 skirts, 18 dresses, 6 cloaks, 10 prs. shoes, 3 prs. overshoes, 33 aprons, 60 handkerchiefs, 6 prs. bed slippers, 2 toilet capes.

Barn.

1 horse, 1 cow, 20 hens, 34 chickens, 2 harnesses, 1 halter, 1 cow-tie and chain, 1 hitching strap, 1 surcingle, 1 horse blanket, 1 robe, 1 duster, 1 whip, 1 curry-comb and brush, 1 canopy-top wagon, 1 farm wagon, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 ladder.

Tools and Implements.

1 cultivator, 1 single-tree, 1 chain, 1 scythe, snath and whetstone, 1 lawn mower, 1 hay fork, 1 stable fork, 1 shovel, 1 spade, 1 mattock, 1 garden rake, 1 wooden rake, 2 hoes, 1 trowel, 1 claw hammer, 1 tack hammer, 2 hand-saws, 1 axe, 4 bits and stock, 1 block plane, 1 screw driver, 1 chisel, 1 file, 1 pr. pliers, 1 hatchet, 1 monkey wrench.

The Lawn and Orchard.

The lawn is in fine condition, the yard beautified by eight handsome beds of flowers. The orchard looks well; the quantity of fruit does not promise nearly so much as last year.

Garden and Buildings.

As early in the season as the wet weather would allow, preparations were made for the garden, the patch being selected north of the barn, — about three acres, — which was well fertilized, plowed deep and well harrowed and planted with lettuce, radishes,

spinach, kale, peas, beans (bunch and lima), cabbages, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes (early and late), sweet and field corn, pumpkins, squashes, melons, cucumbers and turnips. All are doing well. Mr. Plimpton and Mr. Prouty have been untiring in their efforts to have a good garden. The prospects are favorable for a good supply of all kinds of vegetables. 15 roots of rhubarb and 20 of horse radish are nicely started. The asparagus bed is a failure. I would recommend one properly made with compost and salt, and well set this fall. The 1,000 strawberry plants set out last fall, and the 650 put out this spring, yielded about 60 quarts nice berries. 86 gooseberry, 86 currant, 215 raspberry, 215 blackberry bushes and 224 grapevines, have had an excellent start; very few are missing in the rows. 12 new peach and 12 plum trees and 22 other fruit trees set out this spring have a fine start for young trees.

The barn and chicken house and all the outbuildings are in a good, clean condition, and a pig-pen built; but as yet have not found a pig: they are very scarce and high.

The poultry fence between garden and orchard is a very nice one. The pasture, of about two acres, north of the garden, is in good order and is very much enjoyed by the good, gentle horse and nice cow, that has been a great help to the family since she came to the Home. The fence between the pasture and garden is part wire and very good; the remainder is of old rails, as is also the north and east lines, and will not stand very long.

DISBURSEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

<i>Current Expenses.</i>	
Provisions	\$782 69
Medical services and drugs	128 56
Clothing	12 93
Dry goods	21 30
Dress making	11 60
Fuel and light	264 54
Repairing and hardware	60 05
Glassware and crockery	12 55
Ice	11 82
Box rent	75

Amount carried forward . . \$1,306 79

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	\$1,306	79
Office supplies	.	11	32
Freight and express	.	7	38
Travelling expenses	.	30	05
Salaries	.	1141	66
Washing	.	92	11
Extra help and nursing	.	104	05
Seeds and plants	.	4	02
Lumber and draying	.	18	10
Sundries and soap	.	8	36
Feed and straw	.	70	73
Funeral expenses	.	27	00
Total current expenses	.	—	\$2,821 57

Ordered by Board of Directors.

Cow and chickens	.	\$30	00
Vines and plants	.	36	90
Fertilizer	.	15	50
Balance on heater	.	150	00
Washing machine	.	9	00
Netting and wire fencing	.	12	19
Lumber and fence posts	.	21	84
Range, stoves and fixtures	.	174	62
Water tank, steam-pipe and work	.	8	79
Scales and pump handle	.	5	25
Furniture and mattresses	.	193	98
Moulding and hooks	.	5	82
Painting and papering	.	14	97
Screens and frames and weather strips	.	27	95
Carpenter work and material	.	7	25
Rubber goods	.	7	02
Lamps, lantern and headlight	.	11	55
Burial lots	.	75	00
Expenditures ordered by Board	.	—	\$807 63

Furnishings ordered by Corps.

Furniture and dust pans	.	\$45	97
Water sets	.	19	80
Dry goods and drapery fixtures	.	44	09
Expenditures ordered by Corps	.	—	\$109 86
Amount of contingent expenses	.		70 69

Total, contingent, current, by Board and Corps . \$3,809 75

Applications received from the following, asking for rooms :—

Bowers Corps No. 141, Geneva, O.

Hurd Corps No. 215, Mt. Gilead, O.

Trescott Corps No. 34, Salem, O.

Coleman Asbury Corps No. 259, Mt. Victory, O.

J. C. McCoy Corps No. 56, Columbus, O. (to furnish room entire).

Mrs. M. M. Swan, Geneva, O. (to furnish room entire).

Gordon Granger Corps No. 57, Saginaw, East Side, Mich.

Alex Lowrie Corps No. 18, Viroqua, Wis.

Otis Chapman Corps No. 50, Chicopee, Mass.

Department of Minnesota, for a room to be named after their honored Department President, Mary E. Leavens.

Bryner Corps No. 12, Peoria, Ill., for a room in behalf of the Department, to be named "Sue A. Pike Sanders," in honor of the National President.

It is with pleasure that I submit this report to you, but feel it would not be quite complete without stating that upwards of 1,100 visitors have called, gone through the Home and registered; and since the laying of the corner stone, Oct. 1, 1891, nearly 300 have partaken of the hospitality of our table. I merely make this statement to the Board, as perhaps some may not think of this extra in addition to the regular family.

My utmost endeavor is to carry out the "Home" idea as far as possible, and avoid all that we can that tends towards an "institution," thus securing to our family in every way and in all things that sacred place, "Home."

I desire to return thanks to the National President and members of the Board for their kindly welcome to the Home and letters of encouragement. And to Mrs. Cowles and our ever-faithful, willing and cheerful little Assistant Matron, Miss Maynard, I am especially indebted for advice and help during the past five months.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

HANNAH R. PLIMPTON,

Matron.

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN, NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME.

MADISON, O., July 1, 1892.

TO MRS. ANNIE WITTENMYER,

Chairman Board of Directors:

Again being called upon to render the annual report as physician to the National W. R. C. Home, I will review the illness encountered during the year just closed. The experience of the past winter, from a medical standpoint, is still fresh in the minds of all thinking people — such a year, characterized as it was by physical suffering incident in no inconsiderable measure to atmospheric causes beyond the ken of medical scientists, has no place in the memory of practicing physicians whose term of duty has outspanned a score of years. With such existing conditions, so markedly prejudicial to physical well-being, there is little cause for surprise that no small amount of illness should have preyed upon the inmates of the Home. Again, taking cognizance of the age, enfeebled condition and chronic ailments of those who suffered, the fair-minded observer must conclude that the surprise is that all should recover of the number of those who suffered from diseases peculiar to the causative influence which, as a matter of history, is responsible for the major part of such illnesses as prevailed in an epidemic way in our and other lands. Regarding the one fatal case, — that of Mrs. Hanson, — the disease, organic in nature, and beyond reasonable doubt malignant in character, pursued a tedious course; but was fortunately not marked by excessive pains, which materially lessened the labor of nursing her. As it was, the endurance of those who faithfully cared for her was greatly taxed; but the quality of patience, and sympathy as well, was so largely possessed by the Matron, Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton, that the most persistent and painstaking

care was cheerfully bestowed upon the gradually-failing patient, who showed no small degree of fortitude and bravery during this her last sickness. Without taxing your space to give a clinical report of the case, suffice it to remark: the location of the organic ailment was such that the flow of the biliary secretion into the intestine was so completely obstructed that the tissues of the body became intensely discolored by the absorption of bile through the portal circulation: this so far interfered with the digestive process that great emaciation supervened and hastened her demise.

In the domain of surgery, mention should be made of the painful accident which befel Mrs. Shute, who fell down the stairs leading from the second floor to the dining-room. This occurred Dec. 13, and resulted in the fracture of the arm commonly known as Colles fracture. Aside from the fracture, the dorsal surface of the hand was lacerated to such an extent that close dressing could not be tolerated; and the inflammatory reaction became so intense that it was found impossible to confine the arm; however, an excellent result was obtained so far as deformity was concerned, though inflammatory deposits of lymph formed adhesions about the tendons of the muscles, which resulted in considerable loss of motion of the fingers. In passing, let me remark that though a lady of 81 summers, Mrs. Shute has accomplished the feat of writing very legibly with her left hand. Mrs. Shute only partially having recovered from the traumatism above referred to, was an inviting subject for la grippe, which soon set in and threatened to cause her death. At this time nothing availed to prevent her dissolution but the most careful, tender and assiduous nursing; and today the bright, cheerful, humorous face of Mrs. Shute welcomes all visitors.

Mrs. M. King also sustained an injury by falling by which the bones of the wrist were displaced to such an extent that the resulting deformity has somewhat impaired the usefulness of her hand.

Without further mention of individual cases, I will pass on to note briefly the diseases which at one time well-nigh transformed the Home into a hospital. At the time referred to, no less than ten of the inmates were under treatment, which fact entailed the most arduous labor upon the Matron (Miss Kate L. Cooledge, then

acting), and her most faithful assistant, Miss Mattie Maynard. La grippe was responsible for the major part of the illness. Bronchitis also prevailed, and in several cases threatened serious results. Renal calculus proved exceeding painful in one case and resulted in an irritable bladder, to the long-continued discomfort of the patient sufferer.

The long-continued severity of winter, in several instances, was productive of general debility, in spite of the equable heat maintained by the system of steam heating in use. A general tonic line of treatment was exhibited, and the building-up process in each case was satisfactory.

The minor ailments incident to all conditions of life, and especially those encountered in advanced life, were experienced; but such cases need not be spoken of in detail. At the time of this report I am able to assert that aside from chronic ailments and invalidism, a healthful condition is prevailing.

Just here I will be pardoned if I repeat, in substance, my statement of the previous year, that this locality is peculiarly fitted for such an institution, as all the climatic conditions calculated to produce health and longevity are here prevalent; and in the choice of the site we have evidence of the excellent judgment of those who here elected the Home should be founded.

After the experience of the winter just passed, if allowed, I would suggest the propriety of making some arrangement by which those of the inmates who are sick can be either in one of the buildings by themselves, or in some entire portion or floor of one building apart from those who are well. Such a course, in my opinion, would lessen the liability of such diseases as are likely to be, becoming epidemic, and prove conducive to the continued good health of those not afflicted. Again, a cogent reason for such a building or ward would be found in the greater readiness by which those suffering from illness could be cared for by the nurses in charge; also it would be an economic measure of no mean proportions in case of an epidemic such as characterized the past winter.

Trusting such steps may be taken, and climatic conditions so prevail, as to render the year before us remarkable for its continuous healthfulness, I am

Most truly yours,

A. H. STOCKHAM, M. D.

RESOLUTIONS

PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE TENTH NATIONAL
CONVENTION.

Presented by Emma Stark Hampton, National Counselor.

RESOLUTION No. 1.

WHEREAS, Great benefits, financially and in retaining members, would be derived from a clearer understanding of Rules and Regulations regarding "arrears."

Be it resolved, That the following questions be added to our Inspection Blanks, and appear as Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10:—

7. Does the Treasurer notify all members in arrears as required by obligation?

8. Are all members when two quarters in arrears for dues reported as suspended in quarterly reports?

9. Are all members when four quarters in arrears, reported as dropped?

10. Does the "Corps Treasurer or her assistants" visit and explain our laws to delinquent members, as provided in Ritual, page 34?

RESOLUTION No. 2.

WHEREAS, Members are sometimes offended at the crisp wording in the printed Delinquent blanks:

Be it resolved, That, for the words, "and you are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned," be substituted the following: "Will you kindly remit the amount before — 1st, that we may close our books for the quarter and be enabled to make a full report to Department Headquarters on that day, as is required of Corps officers."

Presented by Annie Wittenmyer, Past National President, through the Department of Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION No. 3.

Resolved, That Sect. 11, Art. VII., Chap. V., be amended by adding the following words: "That the Department and National Presidents, as reviewing officers in Court of Inquiry proceedings, may revise, remit or reduce the sentence of a Court of Inquiry in meritorious cases, according to their best judgment."

Presented by Mary Sears McHenry, Past National President.

RESOLUTION No. 4.

Resolved, That Rules and Regulations be so amended as to make, in Chap. III., Art. II., Sect. 1, Par. 1, the Department Council members of Department Convention; also, Chap. V., Art. II., Sect. 1, Par. 1, the members of National Council members of National Convention: by adding the words "and Department Council," also "and National Council," to the above-mentioned Articles.

Presented by Kate B. Sherwood, Past National President.

RESOLUTION No. 5.

Resolved, That the words, "present and voting," be inserted after the word "Post," in line 14, Sect. 6, Art. I., Chap. I., Rules and Regulations.

* RESOLUTION No. 6.

Resolved, That the following section be added to Official Communications, as laid down in Rules and Regulations: "All officers and committees of the Woman's Relief Corps shall report moneys, properties or other incomes of the Relief Corps passing through their hands in discharge of their duties, through the prescribed channels; and no officer or committee of the Woman's Relief Corps shall convert the moneys, properties or other incomes of the Relief Corps to any uses not duly authorized by Rules and Regulations and orders from proper authority."

RESOLUTION No. 7.

Add to Sect. 7, Art. I., Chap. II., as follows:—

When a Corps departs from the objects of the Order, and engages in prolonged internal strife, or circulates scandalous official manifestoes, defamatory of Department or National officers in discharge of their duties, the Department Council shall revoke the charter.

RESOLUTION No. 8.

Add to Art. VII., Chapter V., the following:—

SECTION 12. When the sentence of a Court of Inquiry be reprimand or suspension, coupled with an order to turn over Relief Corps money or property, and the party under sentence refuses, after due official notification, to turn over the same, she shall be dishonorably discharged by the authority ordering the Court.

Presented by Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

RESOLUTION No. 9.

Resolved, That each Department shall regulate its own rule prescribing the age of children that may be admitted to Corps meetings.

RESOLUTION No. 10.

Resolved, That members from distant Corps may fill vacancies occasioned by the absence of delegates or alternates, when vouched for by their Corps Presidents.

Presented by the Department of Illinois.

RESOLUTION No. 11.

WHEREAS, The Executive Board of the Department are expected to aid and have charge of the working interests of the Department, in conference with the President; and

WHEREAS, Rules and Regulations now make it impossible to have a meeting of the Executive Board unless in the judgment of the Department President it is deemed necessary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we petition the National Convention to so change Rules and Regulations as to read, "or at the written request of three members."

RESOLUTION No. 12.

WHEREAS, Rules and Regulations now read that Department Council can only be convened by the call of the Department President, thus placing the controlling power in the hands of one person; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we petition the National Convention to so amend Rules and Regulations as to read, "or at the written request of five members."

RESOLUTION No. 13.

Resolved, that this Convention, through its Delegate-at-Large, petition the National Convention to amend Chap. II., Art., I., Sect. 2, Rules and Regulations, by striking out the words, "except should any have signed application for Charter and were unable to be present at organization, they may, if initiated within one month, have their names enrolled on Charter."

RESOLUTION No. 14.

WHEREAS, The time is so short for holding Department Conventions, delegates being obliged to return home at a set time in order to secure the reduced rates given by the railroads; and the large amount of work to be done, especially in large Departments, hence do not have the time to ballot for each Delegate and Alternate separately; and believing that the use of Credential Cards would give better satisfaction and expedite the work: therefore,

Resolved, That Department Conventions have the privilege of adopting a plan of election not conflicting with Rules and Regulations, and that Departments may use Credential Cards.

Presented by the Department of Kansas.

RESOLUTION No. 15.

Inasmuch as the calling of the Council is left entirely to the discretion of the Department President, who may not always see the importance of it, we would ask this Convention to petition the National, that Rules and Regulations be so amended, that the Council may be called by the President or at the written request of five members of the Council.

RESOLUTION No. 16.

WHEREAS, The working interests of the Department are placed in the hands of the Executive Board, and is made emphatic by the wording of the Installation Service, which says: "It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have charge of the working interests of the Department." We further ask this Convention to petition the National to so amend Rules and Regulations that the said Board may be called together by the written request of three members of that Board.

Presented by the Department of Massachusetts.

RESOLUTION No. 17.

Resolved, That this Convention forward to the Tenth National Convention a resolution requesting that Sect. 1, Art. II., Chap. V., Rules and Regulations, be so amended as to conform to the adoption of Form U, and to permit the earlier receipt of the Election Returns by the Department Secretary.

RESOLUTION No. 18.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Tenth National Convention that the last clause of Sect. 1, Art. II., Chap. V., be stricken out, and that one copy of the Election Returns be left with the Corps to be placed on file.

RESOLUTION No. 19.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Tenth National Convention that the Burial Service of our Order be revised.

RESOLUTION No. 20.

Resolved, That we request the Tenth National Convention to enact a law compelling members to state *who* gave them the password, when they have obtained the same from another member instead of the Corps President.

RESOLUTION No. 21.

WHEREAS, Certain forms adopted by the new Ritual detract greatly from the impressiveness of the initiation ceremony ;

Resolved, That the Tenth National Convention be requested to make such change as will permit candidates to face the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents.

RESOLUTION No. 22.

Resolved, That a resolution be presented by this Department to the Tenth National Convention, that the Proceedings of the Conventions held in Denver and Minneapolis be reprinted, and copies of the same distributed under the direction of the National Council.

RESOLUTION No. 23.

Resolved, That the Consolidated Report of the Department Secretary contain, as formerly, a column for the "Amount Turned Over to Posts," and that Corps Secretary's blanks be revised to correspond with the consolidated blank.

Presented by Emma B. Lowd, Past Department President of Massachusetts.

RESOLUTION No. 24.

Resolved, That the ruling in Red Book, and confirmed by Eighth National Convention, by which it was decided that the President of a Corps may call any member to the Chair when she vacates the same, shall be declared null and void, as Sect. 2, Art. VIII., Chap. II., of Rules and Regulations provides for filling such vacancy by duly-elected officers.

RESOLUTION No. 25.

Resolved, To amend Sect. 2, Art. IV., Chap. II., of Rules and Regulations, so as to read, after the words, "transfer card," on the eighth line of said section: "transfer card, and shall be entitled to the password, which shall be given to her by the President of said Corps. Where necessary, application should be made to the Department President, who may act either by herself or by some officer to whom the duty may be delegated by her."

Presented by C. R. Mudge Corps No. 24, Department of Massachusetts.

RESOLUTION No. 26.

WHEREAS, We, having been instructed by the officer who instituted our Corps that our work should be modelled as nearly as possible after that of the Grand Army; and

WHEREAS, The constant and useless changes which are being made in the work tends in no degree to forward the great object for which we are banded together, but rather to lessen the interest of the members ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we protest against the present manner of presenting the ballot box for inspection, as being both ungraceful and undignified and rendering the Conductor ridiculous in the eyes of the Corps.

Presented by R. A. Pierce Corps No. 95, New Bedford, Mass.

RESOLUTION No. 27.

Resolved, That we do most earnestly petition the next National Convention to so order that the password be taken up again after intermission.

Presented by William Logan Rodman Corps No. 53, New Bedford, Mass.

RESOLUTION No. 28.

Resolved, That the password shall be taken up after intermission at every meeting.

Presented by the Department of Michigan.

RESOLUTION No. 29.

WHEREAS, According to Rules and Regulations, the National Secretary certifies " that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Rules and Regulations and Rules of Order of the National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic."

Resolved, That the National Secretary, after receiving the " Decisions of Convention " from retiring Past National Secretary, revise Rules and Regulations to conform to the then existing decisions of Conventions, before another edition is printed.

RESOLUTION No. 30.

WHEREAS, The bill for printing Reports of Conventions amounts to a large sum for an organization banded together for relief to expend ; therefore,

Resolved, That the incoming National President is instructed by this Convention to procure estimates on printing of National Journal previous to the printing of any part of the reports of officers or Journal of Proceedings of Eleventh National Convention, and give the work to the lowest bidder, quality and workmanship of any one copy heretofore printed considered.

RESOLUTION No. 31.

WHEREAS, Many Departments are without copies of Proceedings of First and Second National Conventions; also that many members of the Order would like a complete file, and that there are none at National Headquarters; therefore,

Resolved, that this Convention order 1,000 copies printed, and permit them to be sold at a price to cover expense of the same.

Presented by Lydia A. George, Past Department President, Minnesota.

RESOLUTION No. 32.

Resolved, That the words, "all of the members" be stricken from Sect. 6, Art. I., Chap. II., of Rules and Regulations.

RESOLUTION No. 33.

Resolved, That last clause of Sect. 3, Art. II., Chap. II., be stricken out, and the following substituted: "With the signatures of a majority of the committee on the application and a verbal report of one, the report of investigating committee may be received."

RESOLUTION No. 34.

Resolved, That the last clause of Sect. 4, Art. II., Chap. II., be made to read: "A reconsideration of the ballot may be had at the same meeting by unanimous vote of Corps, or upon request of President and Senior Vice-President."

RESOLUTION No. 35.

Resolved, That the third clause of Sect. 2, Art. IV., Chap. II., be made to conform to second clause of same section, article and chapter.

RESOLUTION No. 36.

Resolved, That the words, "through the Department Secretary" be inserted in Sect. 9, Art. VI., Chap. III., and between the words "same" — "as."

RESOLUTION No. 37.

Resolved, That Sect. 6, Art. VII., Chap. V., be changed to read: "Corps Departments and National Presidents, in their respective jurisdictions, shall, upon receiving charges against an officer or member for immoral conduct, falsehood, slander or theft, order a Court of Inquiry; otherwise they shall have discretionary power."

RESOLUTION No. 38.

Resolved, That Corps Treasurers' duties be changed in Rules and Regulations, as per action of Eighth National Convention; and further,

RESOLUTION No. 39.

Resolved, That the Corps Treasurer's duties in Ritual be made to conform to Rules and Regulations.

RESOLUTION No. 40.

Resolved, That following the explanation of gavel calls in Ritual, the words, "except in balloting for candidates," be inserted.

RESOLUTION No. 41.

Resolved, That references on pages 4 and 5, Service Book, be made to conform to Chap. V., Art. VIII., and Chap. II., Art. VII., Sect. 1, of Rules and Regulations.

RESOLUTION No. 42.

Resolved, That third clause on page 7 of Service Book be eliminated.

RESOLUTION No. 43.

Resolved, That sixth clause on page 8 of Service Book be eliminated, and that as a substitute a short address of welcome to the public be made by the Corps President.

RESOLUTION No. 44.

Resolved, That third clause on page 7 be stricken out, and the words, "Will the audience join us in prayer, led by the Chaplain," substituted.

RESOLUTION No. 45.

Resolved, That a copy of all National General Orders and a copy of National Convention Proceedings be sent from National Headquarters direct to each outgoing, incoming and permanent representative to National Convention.

RESOLUTION No. 46.

Presented by Department of Nebraska (introduced by Ann E. Hunter, and adopted at the Ninth Annual Convention, Department of Nebraska).

WHEREAS, Our government has opened the door to woman, appointing her to different positions by which she is enabled to support herself and needy ones; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, that as a token of respect and gratitude we owe to our Comrades who saved our country and flag, making it one of the most prosperous and powerful nations in the world,

Resolved, That as a body, the Woman's Relief Corps workers, at our annual Department Convention, here assembled at Columbus, Neb., do request and urge upon the Chiefs of Departments of our government to give to the wives and daughters of ex-Union soldiers and sailors the preference in the appointments, where all are equally competent.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the head of each Department at Washington, D. C., and be given to the press for publication, spread upon the records and published with the proceedings of this Convention.

Presented by Department of Ohio.

RESOLUTION No. 47.

There being so many ladies belonging to Relief Corps that cannot read and understand the Rules and Regulations in English: therefore, We offer this resolution that this Convention would recommend to National Convention "to print the Rules and Regulations in English and German, the same as our By-Laws, for the benefit of the Order."

Presented by Department South Dakota.

RESOLUTION No. 48.

Be it Resolved, That this Convention endorse the following resolution, which shall be sent by our Department officers to the National Convention. "That hereafter the National Inspector be instructed to send Assistant Inspector's blanks direct to the Department Inspector, to be distributed by her to Assistant Inspectors selected by the Department President."

Presented by Sara E. Holmes, Department President South Dakota.

RESOLUTION No. 49.

Resolved, That, following the example of the G. A. R., we make our reports semi-annually, instead of quarterly, as at present.

RESOLUTION No. 50.

Resolved, That Rules and Regulations be changed so as to allow of initiation at special meeting and without dispensation.

Presented by Department of Vermont.

RESOLUTION No. 51.

WHEREAS, The present specimen sheets of Ledger are misleading, by reason of their being balanced in middle of year:

Resolved, That they be revised, to contain dues for one year, beginning with first quarter and balanced at the close of fourth quarter.

RESOLUTION No. 52.

WHEREAS, The memorial flags are expensive to handle, and so unsatisfactory and undesirable;

Resolved, That they be abolished.

RESOLUTION No. 53.

WHEREAS, The duties of Tellers require their close and entire attention;

Resolved, That the ballot be distributed and collected by the Conductors.

RESOLUTION No. 54.

WHEREAS, A correct Department Roster depends upon correct Election Returns:

Resolved, That the Service Book shall be revised to read that "Form L shall be filled out by the Corps Secretary, attested by the retiring President and Installing Officer on the inside fold, and approved on the outside fold by the newly-installed President."

Presented by Mollie M. Cornwell, President Blundon Corps No. 6, Charlestown, West Virginia.

RESOLUTION No. 55.

Inasmuch as the needs of soldiers, widows and orphans, and old and infirm veterans, are brought more forcibly before the Woman's Relief Corps and are more thoroughly and carefully investigated by them than any other body; be it

Resolved, By this Convention, to ask the President of the United States to appoint a member of the Woman's Relief Corps in the Pension Department, whose sole duty shall be to present in proper form such cases as have been reported to her by Relief Corps, which have been thoroughly and carefully investigated by them; and further, ask that such cases be considered and acted upon as special cases, fully assuring the President that no cases in said manner will be reported until all circumstances connected therewith shall have been fully and truthfully investigated and reported.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION.

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The National Secretary announced the Committee on President's Address :—

Mrs. Abbie Lynch of Pennsylvania, Chairman.

Mrs. Henrietta Steismeier of Missouri.

Mrs. Mary E. Leavens of Minnesota.

Mrs. Clara E. Nichols of Iowa.

Mrs. Amanda B. Tisdell of Nebraska.

E. Florence Barker: Mrs. President, I wish to say that Mrs. Logan and many others are below, and wish to know if we will now admit them and send escort.

National President announced the Committee on Courtesies :—

Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood of Ohio, Chairman.

Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney of Michigan.

Mrs. Jennie Myerhoff of Indiana.

Mrs. Ida W. Moore of Kansas.

Mrs. Amelia F. Colgan of Virginia.

National President: Having been informed that Mrs. Mary A. Logan, a member of our Order, is below, we shall certainly take pleasure in having her presented to this Convention. Mrs. Sherwood having been called out, I will ask Mrs. Barker to take her place for the present and escort Mrs. Logan to the room.

Mrs. Barker: Mrs. President, allow me to introduce Mrs. Mary A. Logan, a member of our Order from your own State, and wife of him who made Memorial Day sacred to this Nation.

National President: Please escort Mrs. Logan to the platform. Ladies, it affords me much pleasure to present to you

Mrs. John A. Logan, the wife of our own Comrade, whom we all loved and whose memory we still revere. It was John A. Logan from Illinois who instituted Memorial Day. We would be pleased to hear a few words from Mrs. Logan after you have given her the salute of our Order. Ladies, salute.

Mrs. Logan: May I begin what I have to say by asking the Department President of Michigan to be kind enough to go to the door and arrange so that Mrs. Alger can be admitted to this Convention?

National President: This request can be granted. The Committee on Courtesies will retire and escort Mrs. General Alger to the room.

Mrs. Logan: Ladies and Friends, the hour that I have been standing out in the rain has not been long, because there were hundreds of ladies out there with me, waiting to be admitted to this Convention. Some of them came long distances. They are still standing out there and cannot be admitted into the church, although some of them are delegates. I *move you*, That the first thing you do is to extend the proper courtesies to these people and allow them to come in out of the rain. Seconded by Sarah K. Clark of Minnesota and by a delegate from California.

Annie Wittenmyer: I think it is due Mrs. Logan and others to say that once during the reading of the President's Address the doors of this Convention were opened and everybody was admitted. I do not know why it was necessary for any one to stand out in the rain. The doors were opened to allow those to enter who were there.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley of Illinois: I would like to know if that motion (I understand it is a motion) is intended to allow any one to enter, or only those provided with the password.

Mrs. Logan: I said a great many were standing out in the rain; a great many have gone away. I believe I have the floor. I greet you with much pleasure, and bid you welcome to Washington with all my heart. Since the extensive preparations have been made

National President: Mrs. Logan, I shall have to call you to order. The question before the house as to whether we shall admit these people is out of order.

Mrs. Bradley: Is not the motion out of order?

National President (continuing): Mrs. Logan has made a motion that the ladies on the outside shall be admitted to this Convention. I declare the motion out of order.

Mrs. Bradley: I wish to say on behalf of some delegates that they have been unable to get the password, as they have not been able to see their Corps Presidents since the password was changed. Is it not possible to give it to them, that they may be admitted?

Mrs. Ida V. Hendricks of Washington, D. C.: There are social rooms down stairs, and the whole ground floor is open to the public, where any or all are admitted without the password. It is not necessary for anybody to stand in the rain.

Charity Rusk Craig: Let us allow Mrs. Logan to proceed with her welcome.

Mrs. Logan: I was about to state that, since the beginning of the extensive preparations for the entertainment of all patriotic associations which should visit Washington, there has been no time that the citizens of Washington, irrespective of party, race or condition, have not stood ready to give you a most hearty and cordial welcome. There never was a time when there was the slightest indication to withdraw any courtesies from this Convention or any other which chose to come here. Any representations to the contrary are utterly unfounded, and I am very sorry that such an impression went abroad. The Citizens' Committee, empowered by the General Citizens' Committee of this city, which had charge of the funds, appointed on the Committee which was named, nice, respectable women. Those women have been untiring in and out of season in trying to do everything they could for your comfort. Any controversies which were existing, any eligibility of Corps, should never have been brought into it at all. It has no part nor place with that Committee. The Committee knows neither one side nor the other. I think I am correct when I say there are about six or seven of that Committee that belong to the Order at all; perhaps there are nine. I would not be quite positive; but not more than that. The rest are ladies whose power and social position are unquestionable by the citizens of

Washington. These members of patriotic organizations never drew recognition as members of any order, but were appointed simply and plainly in their capacity as loyal citizens of Washington. Many represent States in this Union that sent thousands of soldiers to the war, and have become members of Relief Corps in their own States; and any intimation, and anything showing the slightest discourtesy extended to those ladies, or anything detracting from their power on the Committee, is an outrage. I have no hesitancy in saying that. I stand here responsible for what I say and for all I say. I came here this morning to invite you to go to the church—Mr. Lincoln's old church—where you belong, to hold the Convention. The Committee arranged for you to do so, irrespective of any Department or any one else. Dr. Bartlett, pastor of that church, is one of the most loyal men in the Nation, and he feels greatly the indignity that you have declined to occupy his church. The church comprises some of the most distinguished people in Washington; and they will feel it very greatly. In the church, ready for you now, there is lunch for five hundred ladies prepared. I will leave it with this Convention whether you will accept or decline such an honor. I leave it entirely with you. I do not belong to any organization in this city. I have not been in any sense acting in the capacity of any Corps, and shall never take my membership from the State of Illinois, and Abraham Lincoln Post.

I have done all I could to put this case in the proper order, without having any sort of an inclination to treat anybody on that Committee, or anybody in Washington, with the slightest disrespect or discourtesy. The President of the Department of the Potomac was put on that Committee, and assigned the Chairmanship for the Department of this Convention; and every suggestion that she ever made was accredited to her and accepted, and means put in her hands in every way possible, together with our hearty co-operation, to enable her to carry out the plans. When they did not suit her precisely, she had nothing to say. It was, as poor old Aunt Mary used to say, "A matter of taste."

Now I wanted to come here this morning to say this to you in justice to and in defense of the Committee whom I have the

honor to serve. Clara Barton, in this city, has behaved with the most perfect and most admirable graciousness all the way through. She, as Chairman of that Committee, by virtue of her long experience, fully understood the matter of the entertainment of this Convention; and she has in no manner whatever betrayed anything entrusted to her or put into her hands. I say this in defense of Clara Barton, because I know she will not say anything for herself; and I was determined that it should be said. I came here to say it.

I want you to understand that you have to assume the responsibility as to whether or not you will accept the hospitality of the Capital of the Nation, or whether you will accept that of a single Department in the city. You have got to decide that question. I hope you will decide it wisely.

I want to say one or two other things, although I do not want to occupy your time very long. I want you, ladies, in your deliberations to resolve whether your action shall elevate the Order, or shall compromise it. I have more interest in the elevation of this Order (I was going to say), almost, than in the salvation of my own soul. It lies very near my heart; but I warn you ladies, if you allow yourselves to be guided by some sort of clique or faction,—if you do not rise above it in a manner becoming to the dignity of our National Women,—your Order will be disbanded. Not less than five or six National Commanders have told me that this unseemly controversy should not go on. I want you to know how you stand, not only before yourselves, but before the Grand Army of the Republic, to whom you are the Auxiliary. There are many questions in that Order which they never bring outside the Convention at all; and any attempt to drag them into notoriety—any attempt to do that, I assure you—would be very fatal to this organization. Why, even this morning there were witnesses: people busying themselves to get it into the newspapers that this Convention had shut Mrs. Logan and the Potomac Corps out of this Convention. This is very unfortunate for you—very, indeed. Understand me, I only speak of that Potomac Corps as an illustration. I have nothing to say about the controversy. I do not know anything about it. I do not

belong to it, and you cannot accuse me of having any partiality. They are—every single one, down to the very humblest—ladies, in every sense of the word, and incapable of doing anything dishonorable. I feel obliged to say this because reports have gone abroad, and nearly everybody thinks it something of the kind. I beg you to disabuse the public mind on that subject. I came here to say these two things to you, and to say all that I have upon these subjects to you.

One other little thing—I had nearly forgotten it—I have been in receipt of many very flattering invitations to become candidate for the presidency of this Corps. I want to say it now (although it may not be very good taste to decline something before it has been offered to you), I have no time to do anything, however much my heart might urge me to do it. Anything that I can do which does not take up much time I shall be glad to do; but it is impossible for me to favor you in that capacity. I feel obliged to say this to you, that you may not misunderstand my coming here. I am not a candidate for anything under the heavens, anywhere. I want you to all understand it, for I am a very busy woman. I am sorry I did not see more of you at my home last night. I wanted to have you there very much indeed.

One more word, and I am done. I hope when this Convention adjourns that the general verdict of the Nation will be to have its affairs conducted with dignity, with charity, and with self respect. In that way we shall hear no more about quibblings, and feuds, and controversies, abnegation of charters, and that sort of thing. It will be a very easy matter, it seems to me, with the little experience I have had in such things, to appoint a Committee to settle all these troubles. I hope this will be the action taken by this Convention, and I beg of you to try some scheme that will not create so much talk and confusion; and may God bless each and all of you.

National President: Ladies, you have received Mrs. Logan, and listened to her address of welcome. She is now ready to retire. The Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies will escort Mrs. Logan from the room.

E. Florence Barker: I think Mrs. Logan should be asked to remain. I wish to say that I do not think it right to send her

from the hall. I move the invitation of the official committee of the Citizens' Committee of Washington, whose invitation we accepted in the city of Detroit, as extended by Mrs. Logan, be accepted, and that we occupy the church provided by the citizens for the remainder of our Convention.

National President: I wish to say a few words upon this subject.

Mrs. Barker (interrupting): I rise to a point of order. My point of order is this, That the official visitor, Mrs. Logan, has been voted by this Convention to be received, and that she brings an invitation from the Citizens' Committee for the Woman's Relief Corps (and I understand there has been a misunderstanding) to occupy the church which was furnished by the Citizens who invited us to come here. I appeal from the ruling of the Chair, and want the decision of the Convention.

National President: I shall allow the appeal from the ruling of the Chair, and ask for the decision of the Convention.

Annie Wittenmyer: Mrs. President, I think we are in a condition to act upon that motion without discussion.

Mrs. Logan: That is what I suggest. I do not think it is a subject for discussion at all. You surely know what you want to do.

National President: The laws of this Order must be obeyed so long as I hold this gavel. There has been a motion before this house, that the doors of this Convention be thrown open to admit those outside. We do not know whether they are members of the Order or not. I have ruled this motion out of order.

Mrs. Augusta A. Wales of Massachusetts: Are people allowed to enter this Convention without the password?

National President: Certainly not; but it has been rumored around this city that our password is common among children, even. It will be necessary, therefore, for me to give a Convention password at the close of this session. There can be no vote taken in this Convention upon anything.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I want to say a word or two in regard to this password. No member can be admitted without the password; but we want to know who are members in good standing

before entering upon a discussion of anything very serious. Besides, I think it would be very unfair—exceedingly unfair—to hear one side of a question and take a vote.

Charity Rusk Craig: I move that a rising vote of this Convention be taken to express our thanks to Mrs. Logan for her words of welcome and her advice. Seconded by Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller of Massachusetts.

Mary A. Bradley claimed the floor.

Mrs. Barker (interrupting): I am greatly in favor of every member being treated with the same courtesy. There *is* a matter before the house. I am taking an appeal from the ruling of the Chair. Will you please state your reasons for ruling out of order.

National President: We are not in condition to vote. The doors of the Convention have been opened, and we have no means of knowing whether all present are members of the Order. It is said that our password is known to many who are not members of the Order—that it is known around the streets.

Mrs. Logan: It may have been all around the streets; but it took me an hour and a half to get it this morning.

Mrs. Barker: An appeal has been taken from the decision of the Chair.

National President: I will ask Mrs. Wickins, the National Senior Vice-President, to take the Chair.

Mrs. Wickins: The question before the house is this, Whether the President's ruling shall be sustained, which is, that no vote can be taken in this Convention, as it is not known whether all present are members of the Order, and entitled to vote; and the motion now is, Will you or will you not sustain the decision of the President?

Mrs. Barker: I beg to state that my appeal is this, I made a motion that the invitation, as extended by the Citizens' Committee, for us to occupy another building, which I understand was prepared for us by the people who invited us to come to Washington—that we, this Convention, accept the invitation. I understand it in this way, and appeal from the decision out of order. We have had to give the password twice to get in here. The password could not have been common talk. She could not get it.

Mrs. Wittenmyer arose to a point of order.

Mrs. Sanders: I understand that the appeal was taken just as stated by Mrs. Wickins. I do not see how a vote can be taken in this Convention until we are organized in a proper manner. That was my decision.

It is not whether the members in this house are members of the Woman's Relief Corps, but whether they are delegates and members of this Convention, and entitled to vote. We are not in proper order to vote upon matters concerning this Convention, and no vote can be taken until we are legally organized.

Mrs. Wickins: The question is, whether you sustain the appeal taken from the decision of the Chair, by Mrs. Barker.

Mrs. Barker: If the National President rules that no person can receive the password except from her own Corps President, I shall have to go home and stay there; for my own Corps President is not here.

Mrs. Wickins: We will discuss that later.

Mary A. Bradley: I wish to ask, if the National President is sustained, if that will cut us off from even entertaining a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Wickins: A motion to adjourn is always in order by all deliberative bodies.

Mrs. Wickins: As many as sustain the appeal of Mrs. Barker against the decision of the National President will rise.

Mrs. Barker (interrupting): It is not to sustain Mrs. Barker at all. It is to sustain the right or wrong. I appealed in order to bring the matter before the Convention. I would not offer an insult to any officer. The question was not so stated.

Mrs. Wickins: I will put the question again. As many as sustain the appeal, as presented by Mrs. E. Florence Barker, will rise.

Mrs. Logan (interrupting): Now it ought not to take so much time and trouble for you to decide what you want to do. You ought to know. If you want to accept their invitation, say so; and if you want to reject it, why, say that. That is all there is to it.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I move that we adjourn. [Seconded by many.]

A voice from the floor asked: If we cannot vote on one question, how can we on another?

The Chair repeated that a motion to adjourn was always in order.

Mrs. Gertie E. Rogers of Wisconsin moved, That the appeal from the President's decision be laid on the table.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: Before that, we made a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn is always in order.

Mrs. Barker: If we adjourn now, how shall we be any better off another time? Unless we do something to settle it, we will be in the same condition when we meet again.

Mrs. Logan: What is the use of shirking this question? It is cowardly to go back. Let us look at it squarely and fairly in the face. Now, face it and give your opinion.

Mrs. Wickins: There is a motion to adjourn before the house. That takes precedence over every other motion. I will put it, and you can act upon it. As many as are in favor of adjourning, rise. [Lost.]

Mrs. Wickins: The question now before the house is the appeal, Whether the Convention shall accept the invitation presented through Mrs. Logan, and whether the Convention has a right to vote upon the question.

Mrs. Barker: I move that we accept the invitation from the Citizens' Committee.

Mrs. Wickins: The motion is, That we accept the invitation of the Citizens' Committee. The President ruled this motion out of order, as we are not in condition to vote. Mrs. Barker took an appeal from her decision to the Convention. Is not that the privilege of every member?

Mrs. Barker: May I say that I think I have already been sustained, as a motion to adjourn was taken. If the Convention entertained that, we can vote on everything if it is agreeable to do so.

Mary A. Bradley: I want to ask if you will please put your motion over. Will you please put it over in this way, that we either sustain the National President or do not sustain her; and that will end it.

Mrs. Loretta J. Gorsuch of Indiana: What I wish to say is, let the voting be done through the Chairman of the delegation. There are several entitled to vote, and the Chairman of each delegation knows who they are.

Mrs. Wickins: Ladies, are you ready to vote upon this question? We are willing to wait until the Convention is ready to proceed to business. We will then take a vote of the Convention. The question as I understand it is, Whether you will sustain the National President that this Convention cannot legally vote upon any question. As many as sustain the President in her ruling that this Convention cannot vote legally, please rise.

Mrs. Wickins: I am unable to determine. I will put the question again. As many as sustain the President in her ruling, that this Convention cannot at this stage vote legally, will rise and remain standing until counted by the Secretary.

Mrs. Sanders: You cannot do that. Mrs. President, I beg your pardon. You cannot vote as a Convention. You cannot legally vote upon this question.

Mrs. Isabelle T. Bagley of Ohio: May I ask a question? We can obtain an unquestionable vote upon this or any other subject simply by calling for the Presidents of these various Departments to answer for their delegations. My President, who is here before me, is able to say how many here from Ohio are entitled to vote, and whether we are delegates. Certainly she can answer that, and every other Department can be counted in the same manner.

Mrs. Wickins: That is the same method as recommended by Mrs. Gorsuch of Indiana. Is there a motion that the vote be taken in that manner?

Mrs. Ellen M. Putnam of New York: If we are not prepared to vote, we will prepare ourselves. Each President can answer for her own delegation.

Mrs. Wickins: The chairmen of delegations have not yet been reported by the Credential Committee. They were not ready to report.

Mrs. Emma Stark Hampton of Michigan: I would make a substitute motion, That we adjourn for lunch. Seconded by Mrs. H. S. Coulter of Kansas.

Sarah E. Fuller : I only want to say that I hope the substitute motion will not prevail, and that this Convention will not put itself on record as failing to recognize the courtesies extended by the Citizens' Committee of Washington. I hope we will not adjourn until we act one way or the other — either accept or reject. I do not like to have Mrs. Logan go back and say that we took no action whatever, but that we went to lunch irrespective of courtesy.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Smith of New York : Has that question of adjournment been settled?

Mrs. Wickins here put the motion to adjourn. [Motion lost.]

It was recommended by Mrs. Putnam that the delegations sit as close as possible, in order that less trouble be experienced in counting.

The delegates were instructed to take seats in the body of the church, the visitors to go to the gallery and under same, to avoid confusion.

Mrs. Wickins : I will now state the case. Mrs. Barker's motion was, That you accept the Citizen's Committee invitation to occupy their church. The President ruled it out of order. Mrs. Barker took an appeal to this Convention. We are now to vote upon that appeal. Vote whichever way in your judgment seems best. As many as sustain the President's ruling will so vote. That would be in the affirmative; and by the Chairman of each delegation, it will be reported to the Secretary.

Motion again plainly stated and put to Convention with following result : —

Total number of votes cast, 324. Affirmative, 219; sustaining appeal, 105. Lost. President sustained in her ruling.

National President resumed the Chair and said : Ladies, you have done right, and I thank you. I wish to state further that the original motion placed before this house was made by a person not a voting member of this Convention, and one who had no right to offer a motion. I will now say that it has become necessary for me to give a Convention password by which you may be admitted after lunch. I will give the password to the Chairman of each delegation, who will communicate the same to their respective delegates during intermission.

Mrs. Logan: May I ask that you will dispose of this question, whether or not you will accept the hospitality and the invitations of the Citizens' Committee in Washington. This is not open to you indefinitely. The citizens are not so anxious to be insulted by the declination of their courtesies after they have been waiting so long a time.

Mrs. Anna Opdycke Carroll of Ohio: We have just voted that we were not legally qualified to cast a vote. I move, That we make ourselves qualified to decide whether we shall accept this invitation or not.

Kate B. Sherwood: That is the point I wished to get at.

E. Florence Barker: I rise to ask whether I am a delegate to this Convention, and have I a right to vote?

National President: The motion referred to came from Mrs. Logan.

Mrs. Barker: It did not; oh, no, it did not! She extended the invitation, and I made the motion. [For the original motion, see page 230.]

Mrs. Logan: I believe the courtesy was extended through me to give you this invitation. I had difficulty to get in here to do it. I would not be authorized to make a motion. The motion was made by Mrs. Barker, who is a regular delegate to this Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood: I move, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, furnished by the Citizens' Committee, with thanks to the people of this church for the use of it. I make that as a motion; and, if seconded, I wish to explain. Seconded by Mrs. Barker. Motion declared out of order by the National President.

Charity Rusk Craig: I would like to make a motion that we extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Logan for her words of recognition and welcome and advice. Seconded by Mrs. Harriet Reeves of Minnesota. [Carried.]

Mrs. Sherwood called attention to her previous motion, and again presented it in the form of a motion. National President declared that the matter was not open for discussion, stating that the Convention could not act upon it until it had legally qualified itself.

Isabelle T. Bagley : I move, That we proceed to qualify ourselves for legal voting, so that we can vote to accept or reject this invitation before we adjourn. Seconded by Ellen M. Putnam.

National President : The action of this Convention has been so interfered with that the Committee on Credentials is not ready to report. I wish to say that it is not within the power of the National President to qualify without the co-operation of the Credential Committee. After I receive the report of the Committee on Credentials, we will then proceed to properly organize this Convention.

Mrs. Hampton moved, That inasmuch as the Credential Committee were not prepared to report, that Convention adjourn for dinner. Seconded by many.

Here announcement was made to National President that an elaborate lunch, provided by the Department of the Potomac, was ready and waiting in the rooms below.

Mrs. Fuller : I only want to say that it has not been my privilege for four years to take part in the furthering of the plans of this Order ; and I beg you to allow me just one moment before you adjourn for lunch. I turn and read away back, years ago, when the people of God wanted a special blessing, they were willing to fast and pray — not one day, but many. We are glad that our National President has called us here. We appreciate her kindness. We want to help her in her work. We realize her position in this great National Order. We appreciate its difficulties. Ladies : I beg of you to remain here fasting all the day, rather than adjourn and put ourselves in the attitude of not having the graciousness, the politeness and civility to either accept or reject this invitation from the Citizens' Committee of Washington. Let us not allow this lady to go back to her Committee and say, " The ladies all wished to adjourn for lunch just before they took action upon your invitation." This is a great National body. The reputation of our Order — this great National Order — rests upon us ; aye, and upon each and every one of us. Let us then act as we should. Let us not adjourn for lunch before we have taken action upon this question. Let us act in a manner calculated to inspire and win the respect of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Kate B. Sherwood: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention, no one honors the National President, no one thinks her a more loyal woman, a woman of higher integrity and purer motive, than I do. I am proud to stand up here in this Convention and say it. I see the provocation — the reason

National President: Mrs. Sherwood, I must call you to order.

Mrs. Sherwood: One word now. I want to say, this Convention will not adjourn until they have acted upon this question, for this reason

National President: You are out of order. If you think it time to adjourn, ladies, you ought to adjourn.

Mrs. Sherwood: The time to adjourn is when we have settled this momentous question. The Grand Army of the Republic, under the Commander-in-Chief, has accepted the hospitality of the citizens and soldiers of Washington; the same hospitalities have been extended to us. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have accepted the hospitalities of the soldiers and citizens. The same hospitalities have been extended to us. I hope this Convention will not adjourn until we vote to accept this invitation, with thanks to this Church and to those who have made these arrangements.

E. Florence Barker: I need not stand here and plead with the Woman's Relief Corps. I need not tell them what it has cost to get the recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic. Many here have worked with us long enough to realize that. Some of you here remember the day when Logan came into the Convention at Denver, and pinned the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic upon the elected President of the Woman's Relief Corps. I feel that a blessing came with it which follows the Order, and that the future will prove what the soldier woman — what the brave, loyal woman — shall bear for the good of this Order. I beg you to stay here until this momentous question is decided. It is a question of great importance. It is not necessary for me to speak to you — I only want to remind you that we at one time went into a Convention at Denver and remained until two o'clock in the morning before we could reach a decision.

The Chair called speaker to order. The motion before the house to adjourn was then put, the President stating that she would in the meantime provide the members with a new password. [Motion lost.]

Discussion arose here as to where lunch could be obtained, one delegate stating that she did not wish to adjourn, because she wished to stay and put the rebellion down.

Mrs. Louise Williams of Wisconsin said: We are going to work at the question. We have not got our meals with us; but we have five cents in our pocket, and the Grand Army boys will make good what we lack; and I guess we shall not starve. Let Mrs. Logan and those who wish to go and eat their lunch

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Mrs. Logan (interrupting): I beg the indulgence of the Convention to say one word. I am exceedingly sorry that a wrong impression has gotten abroad. I had no object in coming here except to extend the courtesies of the Committee to you; but you are misunderstanding me. I came here simply to extend a courtesy; and I am exceedingly sorry to be obliged to report that you have discussed the matter as to whether you would accept the invitation or not. It is certainly a simple thing to do. If you were voting upon any rules or regulations, or anything dictating to the Convention, you might have a great discussion as to what should be done; but I think that a question of courtesy could be decided much sooner. I will withdraw from this Convention whenever it is your pleasure; but I shall remain here until Doomsday unless I receive an answer to take to my Committee.

Elizabeth B. Smith: Is there no way under heavens to get at this by adjournment?

National President: Ladies, you have voted not to adjourn. I now propose to have a report from the Committee on Credentials, and a roll call of Convention. I shall issue a Convention password; and no one can be admitted to this room unless she is in possession of the same. It will be given to Department and Provisional Department Presidents and Presidents of Detached Corps, or Chairmen of Delegations, who will communicate the same to their respective delegations and visitors, who are entitled to seats in this Convention.

The Chairman of Credential Committee wishes to know if the Presidents or Chairmen of Delegations are present, so she can obtain the names of delegates and put them on record.

I will now communicate the password to the Chairman of each delegation if they will step forward. The password may be communicated by the Department President or Chairman of Delegation to members entitled to seats in Convention, or to visiting members.

Emma Stark Hampton: Mrs. President, As a member from Michigan, I have repeatedly attempted to address the Chair; but am always interrupted. Your request that such as are not voting members of this Convention retire to the galleries, has not been heeded. I might perhaps, talk against a brass band, if necessary, but shall not attempt to compete with the voices of two or three hundred women talking behind me! If I have the floor and the attention of this Convention, I think I can offer an acceptable solution of the difficult question now before the house. This is not the first time in our history the question has arisen as to *how* the password can be given to or taken from members in Convention assembled, without being heard by other ears than those intended to receive it. It has been repeatedly tried, and as often been a failure. Any member present who was also at California Convention will remember the question was long debated there, and will also remember that I said during the discussion, that when the Conductors were taking the password I distinctly heard the lady sitting seventh from me, give it. Mrs. President, it is utterly impossible to secretly give or take a password among promiscuous delegations; and as a great amount of time has already been consumed and nothing gained, I move, Mrs. President, That the floor of this Convention *be cleared* and only voting members be readmitted, each to sit with her own delegation, be vouched for by its chairman, and from her receive the new password. Seconded by Cornelia S. Perry of Michigan, Nettie Norton of Minnesota, and many others. Carried.

All ordered to retire, that room be cleared.

During the intermission that ensued a most delicious lunch was served by the Department of the Potomac, W. R. C., in the

Church dining rooms. This little Department entertained as guests more than seven hundred women, and served the delicacies of the season, together with all that could tempt the appetite of the most fastidious, in abundance and style not surpassed at any previous Convention. Unique and beautiful menu cards on which was a representation of the fine church edifice, were issued to all as souvenirs.

Convention called to order at 4.30 o'clock, the National President in the chair.

Guards instructed to secure the doors, to obtain extra assistance if necessary, and to keep the doors secure.

Secretary instructed to read number of telegrams which had been received during intermission. One from Louise A. Robbins, Past Department President of Michigan, extending greetings. Another from the Department of Nebraska.

National President asked the pleasure of the Convention in regard to disposal of telegrams. Mrs. Sherwood responded that it was her understanding that the Convention was not ready to vote as an organized body until it had been so announced by the National President.

National President replied that that matter would have been attended to, had it not been for the interference with her plans. She then directed the Chairmen of Delegations and Presidents who had not done so to report at once to the Committee on Credentials.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I understand that Clara Barton has not the password. I move, That the National President be authorized to give the Convention password to Clara Barton. [Seconded by Ellen M. Putnam.]

Controversy arose as to whether Miss Barton needed the password, Mrs. Mary Sears McHenry of Iowa speaking as follows:—

If I understand the position occupied by Miss Barton, she does not require the password. Miss Barton, if I understand our authority upon that point, was elected a member of the National Convention, to come to us at any time. [Page 129, Fourth Journal.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer and Mrs. Sherwood spoke upon the subject; and it was finally decided that Miss Barton could not be admitted without the password. Mrs. Sherwood stated the ruling, in this case, of the National President to be to the effect that an officer, if elected by the Department Convention, continued to serve until her term of office expired, and that an officer of the National Organization served under the same ruling; and that, under this ruling, Miss Barton was entitled to the password.

Mrs. Wittenmyer's motion was put before the house.
[Carried.]

The Chairman of Committee on Courtesies was appointed to go for Miss Barton on the morrow and bring her to the Convention, where she could receive the password.

Charity Rusk Craig moved, That Miss Barton be entitled to all the honors in this Convention which she had received in the last one. Seconded by Mrs. Sarah C. Mink of New York.
[Carried.]

Committee on Credentials asked to report. [Not ready.]

National President stated that owing to absence of Secretary, she could proceed with no further business for the present.

Mrs. Mary G. Deane of Massachusetts reported many members in the vestibule who did not know how to enter, and asked for instructions. Lady from Canada reported present without password. Discovered that she belonged with Vermont delegation.

Moved by Mrs. Craig, seconded by several, That the Guards be directed to instruct the members outside as to manner in which they should proceed to gain admission. [Carried.]

Distribution of Officers' Reports here made by Conductors, National President stating there was a sufficient number to supply each delegate with a copy.

The delegates' badges were distributed by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner of Massachusetts.

Camp-fire announced in the Congregational Church at 8 P.M. Ladies invited to attend.

Mrs. Cheney, National Treasurer, was appointed on the Credential Committee, to relieve Mrs. Cobean, National Secretary.

Reception at Illinois Headquarters, 8 to 11 P.M., announced.

Mrs. Sherwood read greetings from a Comrade who had until this year met with the Encampment. He was detained at home by his mother's illness and death.

Mrs. Logan: Ladies, I have become quite impatient to know what you are going to do. I should like to have some sort of an intimation. I have been waiting all this time to hear from you. I feel it more than I can express to you that it must needs require all this delay, this gerrymandering, and all that sort of business to decide whether you will accept the hospitalities of the citizens of Washington. I feel it more than I can tell you. I cannot tell you how many important things are waiting for me; and the ladies have come and are there waiting to know what they are to do for the entertainment of this Convention. It is no small matter. We have had all these arrangements waiting there since eleven o'clock this morning, and they are getting a little tired. Now, then, I beg of you for your own sakes to say either yes or no, and end the thing. It does not make any difference whether you decline or otherwise. I shall be honest and square with you. I could not sit in my chair and be otherwise. I tell you that I shall go back, even if you accept the invitation, with a feeling that you cannot know. I make an appeal to you, that you either decline or accept the entertainment offered by the city. The whole world is looking on at this thing. I assure you it is more than you realize. If you cannot decide it, I can go and say that you cannot decide it. I want to do something. You have no right to keep these people waiting that way. I feel obliged to say it. I have been as patient as I can be.

Mrs. Sherwood moved that an informal acceptance, or rather expression, be given, as it could not be taken in a formal way until after roll call. She said: Mrs. President, I move, That this Tenth National Convention accept the courtesies tendered by the Citizens' Committee of Washington, D. C. Sarah C. Mink claimed the privilege of seconding this motion. Several others joined.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I think it is due me and Mrs. Logan and the Convention, to say that this Convention has no disrespect—certainly I have none—toward Mrs. Logan.

Mrs. Logan : I beg you, do not count me in at all.

National President : We have not treated, and have no desire to treat, Mrs. Logan or any committee of the city of Washington with disrespect.

Mrs. Wittenmyer spoke, endorsing the National President's last remark, and following with :—

I am certainly well satisfied that to accept of this invitation requires deliberation. We must act upon these important questions in a manner becoming to us. This Convention is a large and intelligent body of women. We are the largest compact organization of women in the world. We have women here who wield the pen, appear on the platform, and who move in the highest social circles, and they are capable of sitting here and deliberating. There are two sides to this question, and we ought to have a right to discuss it; and I for one propose to start the discussion and to ask the National President to state the other side before it comes to vote. It cannot be harshly dealt with. You *have* to have some regard for the Department, which has gone in a very short time to a very large expense, at the cost of the Department and the Grand Army of the Republic, not having ANY appropriation for the courtesies which are extended to us.

A motion was made and properly seconded. At the first opportunity I got the floor. We do not wish to stand upon little technicalities. Certainly the intelligent women of this Convention know the meaning of the law and order. Nobody wants to insult the Citizens' Committee. If they all felt as I do, they would not insult a single human being. For my part, it is a great sacrifice when I kill a fly. I do not want to hurt anything or anybody. I want the National President and everybody else to be sustained.

This Citizens' Committee offered the courtesies to this Convention. We accepted them with great gusto and enthusiasm. The Chairman of the Citizens' Committee tendered the courtesies of the citizens of Washington. The National President accepted them. I have *seen*, *heard* and *read* all the correspondence between these officials, and I know exactly what I am talking about, and they were accepted.

There was just one thing *excepted*. The Department of the Potomac here, with its nine Corps, large membership, had just *one* little thing given to it: that was to provide the lunch for this Convention. The Citizens' Committee, with Miss Barton, whom I have loved for years, and Mrs. Logan, whom I have loved for thirty years (and her husband better than herself), were on that Committee; and I should be ashamed to treat either with disrespect. The head of the Department of the Potomac, which must have some sort of recognition, was given the luncheon.

Just at the last moment, last July or August, the Citizens' Committee withdrew these courtesies from us — withdrew *everything* from us. We were not represented fairly in print. I would say that I am connected with the Press, and know of what I speak. We then turned to the Department of the Potomac. They said they would do the best they could. They had to put their hands down deep in their pockets to make this arrangement for us. They got the best church they could. I will say this about it, that it is good enough for any Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps. They arranged to provide luncheon for three days for us.

In the meantime the citizens *renewed* their offer. What I am telling you the National President, as well as the Department President here, will verify. They renewed their offer, claiming they had never withdrawn it. We have it in *black and white*: they *withdrew* all the courtesies and the hospitalities from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Now is this Convention ready to go back on the action of the National President? All of our documents are here — all arrangements are made for conducting the Convention here; and shall we go to the other church? We want to pass a good resolution, showing that we appreciate all that the Citizens' Committee has done; but shall we go back?

I am sorry they withdrew their courtesies. We are sorry that we cannot go back. It is *true* that they withdrew their courtesies. We have it in black and white, and it can be produced here; the whole correspondence can be read before this Convention, if necessary. Now, since this is a question too heavy to be decided upon hastily, I think everybody who wishes to do so should have a chance to speak.

Mrs. Sherwood: Will you please give to me about one moment. I wish to speak upon this subject. Ladies of the Tenth National Convention: I come to you just a few moments, as a Christian woman, to ask you to think carefully and wisely what you do. I do not come here to controvert anything that our distinguished Past National President has said, nor to stand up for the Department of the Potomac or for Potomac Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army. I do not come here to say that all the acts of our National President and Past National President are infallibly right, nor that they are wrong; but I do claim that our laws are not those of the Medes and Persians, and claim that they can be set aside if it is deemed best.

No one regrets more than I that all this misunderstanding has come about; and I say that we should now come here and, kindly and wisely, in the interest of our Order, for the protection of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, settle the point. We cannot go into this correspondence. We are not doubting the words of any—we are not standing up for Potomac Corps; because on the Committee were placed three members of organizations and other honorable, loyal women, including some of the best women in Washington. When the Executive Committee made up this Committee they felt a peculiar and particular interest in the Relief Corps, and they made Miss Barton the Chairman of that Committee.

All I want is to stand here and say that we wish to act wisely and rightly in this matter. We do not wish to say that we shall meet in this church. We are pleased with the decorations and the entertainment provided. But here is the point exactly, my dear sisters of the Tenth National Convention, If we refuse the offer of the Citizens' Committee, which has an appropriation for the entertainment of this Convention, we place ourselves in a peculiar position. If we refuse the courtesies, we place ourselves in the position of dictating to the Grand Army of the Republic; because the Grand Army of the Republic has accepted the courtesies of the citizens of Washington.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have accepted the courtesies of the citizens of Washington. We are

here standing upon a little point. I remember the day when, a little handful of women, we had the privilege of forming an organization known as the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. We are in line with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now we see from a little point where we will place ourselves, if we say to the Committee that we cannot accept their invitation because misunderstandings have arisen between women. Are we going to forget what we agreed to with the Grand Army of the Republic? Are we going to forget what we owe to that organization? Are we going to forget what we owe to ourselves, and simply say that our officers are everlastingly and infallibly right? No matter whether we think it is or not, that we must accept it? Now I do not want to cast any reflections on the National administration, or the Department that has done so much; but I do remember that Corporal James Tanner of the Citizens' Committee was one of the very first men to assist the Department of New York. These women here from New York remember that. I do remember that Gen. John A. Logan was one of the first Commanders in the Grand Army of the Republic to come forward and say, "I welcome the Woman's Relief Corps into the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic." This is what he did. In this Citizens' Committee are just as honorable, as loyal, and staunch Comrades—Grand Army of the Republic men of National reputation, men who have stood by us through many a dark hour. They are looking at our action today.

This church is beautiful, you know; but it is inconvenient. It is nicely arranged, but very far away from our center. Lincoln's Presbyterian Church stands open to this Tenth National Convention, and I somehow feel, my dear sisters, that when we go into the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, that the spirit of Lincoln will be with us. "With malice toward none, with charity for all." My dear sisters, can't you get on to this basis? Can we not obey the eleventh commandment, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another?"

There is no law but the law of love where women are concerned. If we cannot bring together these good women of Wash-

ington by our fraternal association — if we cannot do that, we are not worthy of the position that has been given us by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Logan : May I be permitted to respond to the remarks made by my dear sister, Mrs. Wittenmyer? The fact is, I want to correct some impressions made by her which are absolutely erroneous. I trust you will hear me when I tell you that there has never been a disposition on the part of myself to drag you into a discussion of this kind in regard to the Corps, or to the entertainment of the Convention in Washington.

First, Mrs. Wittenmyer has made a statement; and she makes that statement from information that has been furnished her. I want to preface what I say by telling you that I can substantiate every word I say. I want to say to you that she has been imposed upon.

National President called for order.

Mrs. Wittenmyer : I want to rise to a question of privilege which takes precedence.

Mrs. Logan (interrupting) : I had no idea this trouble was coming into this Convention.

Mrs. Mary E. Knowles of Massachusetts moved, That Mrs. Logan be allowed to speak. Not seconded; but Mrs. Logan proceeded as follows : —

I shall make a very brief statement; but I want you to understand this thing. Your National President has been shamefully imposed upon about this; and in justice to her and the Convention, I will tell you the whole truth. I am entirely responsible for every word I say. I have said that before. I want to tell you how the matter occurred in order that misrepresentations of the case may not go out. I had no thought that all this was coming up when I came here to extend an invitation to you. It never occurred to me for a moment.

The Citizens' Committee has had nothing to do with this feud that has been going on. I want to disabuse your minds of that. It was not mentioned in that Committee. The whole business of that Committee was to provide for your entertainment. That was all they had to do. The Grand Army of the Republic has not

spent one dollar for their own entertainment. I want to tell you that. I know what I am talking about. They have been on that Committee with the citizens, the same as any other citizens.

It was the intention of the Committee — the Citizens' Committee — to provide for the entertainment of the Grand Army in this place. They put upon that Committee representatives of the Department of the Potomac. They made Mrs. Hendricks Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment of this Convention, because she was the Department President of Potomac. Each could have the privilege of putting whosoever they pleased on their Committee. They did not please to put anybody on it. I was made Chairman of the Reception Committee, a very small part. It was such a little matter that I did not see that I need be worried to get a place to give you a reception; so I did not put anybody on my committee.

Everything was going along all right so far as I could see. These ladies met with the Committee. The work was apportioned as it would be in any other city. Nobody ever dreamed of any trouble or any controversy about it. We expected to get the money for that part which we were to carry out from the Citizens' Committee. We were instructed that we were not to ask the Grand Army of the Republic for a dollar. The Committee stood ready to pay our expenses; and all we had to do was to say how much we wanted.

Miss Barton was put on as Chairman, because she was the National Chaplain, and eminently fitted to represent the National Officers. Then these ladies outside became dissatisfied. For a time there was perfect surprise. Everything was turned over to them, and they were to provide exclusively for the entertainment of this Convention. I assure you that Clara Barton, in her desire that everything should go peacefully and pleasantly, surrendered everything to them as they desired. If you will read a letter which is on file in her letter books of the office, you can see for yourselves. You can read there her reply that she withdrew from any participation in the work. She never said that she withdrew the courtesies — never once. That is not in the letter. You can read it from the original letter. She said that she withdrew,

under Mrs. Sanders' order, from participating in this thing, and to make it harmonious; but she wanted to notify Mrs. Hendricks that, in assuming to do that thing, she assumed all the expense thereof. And you, ladies, are intelligent women, and know what would naturally follow. It was never intimated by this Committee that any courtesies were to be withdrawn. She was only acting as she thought proper.

When the President replied to Miss Barton, telling her that she would accept all these things, we supposed there would be no more trouble about it; but Mrs. Hendricks, for some unknown reason which I cannot state, took exceptions to the fact that two or three of the Potomac Corps were acting with the Committee, simply in the capacity of citizens of Washington. I want you to realize that they were ladies, — *respectable* women, — and just as much interested in your entertainment as if they were in good standing in the National Convention; that they never brought their troubles into the thing, nor thought of doing so. They were perfectly willing to bring their case before the entire Convention, where it properly belonged; but they did not want to bring it into the entertainment.

Well, about the next thing we heard was that Mrs. Hendricks was going to have an independent arrangement, and have it controlled by the Department of the Potomac. This occasioned many remarks. We were told that we could not give you luncheon because we were not delegates, as you were a secret organization.

So we paid no further attention to it. We went on ahead and made all these arrangements. We made an appeal to the President — to the National President — to abide by our arrangements, as we represented the City of Washington, and begged of her not to allow herself to be drawn into a personal controversy in the matter. For some reason or other, however, Mrs. Sanders — personal prejudice or something of that kind — chose to announce or issue an order confirming Mrs. Hendricks' arrangements. This was talked over by the Citizens' Committee; and they said, That does not make any difference at all; we shall insist upon our arrangements, we shall go ahead and make them, and pay no attention to this order; and we know that this National Con-

vention is composed of too much intelligence, and too much appreciation of our efforts, to allow itself to be placed in such a position as it would be by deciding that because three ladies of the Potomac Corps are upon the Citizens' Committee, that it cannot afford to accept the courtesies extended by the citizens of Washington, as they (the ladies) are citizens of Washington and never for a moment acted in the capacity as members of Potomac Corps. I am sure Mrs. Wittenmyer has had all of her information from the Department of the Potomac, and that has biased her.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: Will you allow me to state that I have not had my information from the Department of the Potomac. My information is based upon a letter signed by Clara Barton, and other documents.

Mrs. Logan: If you do not want to accept our courtesies, for Heaven's sake don't do it!

Mary A. Bradley: We have been told what the National President has done in the matter. I move, That the National President be allowed to make her own statement as to these proceedings.

Seconded by E. Florence Barker. [Carried.]

It was stated that Mrs. Hendricks of the Department of the Potomac had the floor. She consented to give way to the National President, who spoke as follows:—

Ladies, I want to be very careful that I say nothing but the facts. It has been farthest from my intention at any time to ignore the citizens of Washington or the Committee appointed by them. Last March the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee (everything that has come has been over the signature of Clara Barton) extended the courtesies of this city to me. They were accepted by me in good faith. I think the hall for holding the Convention was mentioned—Metzerott's Hall. I do not think the lunch was mentioned. Things went on in this manner until the Convention of the Department of the Potomac; then an official communication came from them to me, asking the privilege of serving lunch. I thought it was nothing more than right that this Department should have some privilege given to it, and I sup-

posed it would be all right. Matters went on in this way until July 23d. When I was away from home, there came to me a communication from Clara Barton, withdrawing all the courtesies that had been extended. I do not know as I can state it in the words exactly.

Mrs. Logan [interrupting]: I beg to state that that is not it. I should not like to have an injustice done her. It was that she withdrew from all participation in the courtesies. She did not withdraw the courtesies from anybody.

National President: She said that I must assume all responsibility, liability and expense of this National Convention. Remember, ladies, this was on July 23d, just two months prior to this Convention; and the same envelope which brought this communication contained a letter which was a copy of the letter prepared by her separately and sent to Mrs. Hendricks, of which Mrs. Logan has spoken. It turned the whole matter over to Mrs. Hendricks. She had sent a letter to her, and a copy to me. Both bore the same date. In this they refused to have anything more to do with this Convention whatever. I want to say now, that Mrs. Hendricks never asked for anything. She never wrote asking me to go back on anything at all in connection with this Convention. When I received Miss Barton's letter, I did not know what to do. I first thought it would be necessary for me to call this Convention outside of the city of Washington, and so wrote the Department. She did not know that the Chairman had sent me a copy of the letter that had been sent to her, nor the position in which I was placed. I told her of this, and that if she could secure a place to hold this Convention, I would call it here. If it had not been that she secured this church, I should have called this Convention outside of Washington.

Not long after this I received a message from Clara Barton, saying, as nearly as I can give the substance of it, that she was informed that I was anticipating trouble in finding a place to hold the National Convention; that if that was true, there were several churches down town available, and she could secure one for me. Her message was so entirely contrary to her letter, that I did not understand it. Miss Barton wrote me a letter soon

after, just as soon as could be (August 8th, I think), copying her telegram and offering to secure a church for me in which to hold the Convention, or something to that effect. I did not answer anything. The National Secretary wrote her that her communication had been received and placed on file. Before this letter came tendering the church, I had written Mrs. Hendricks, and asked her if she could secure a hall. It was some time before she answered that she had secured a church. I was informed, ladies, that this church was an old building, away out of the city. I felt badly about it; but it was all that I could do, as I did not see how I could very well take the Convention outside of the city.

After this had happened, it seems there was another committee appointed to re-tender the courtesies of the Citizens' Committee. It came to me after I had turned everything over to Mrs. Hendricks, notwithstanding all the publications that have gone forth. I told her to secure the church—that if we only had a place to meet, we could get along very well. I asked her particularly not to embarrass the Department of the Potomac in preparing for our entertainment. Then, as I told you, this communication came, after I had turned everything over to her.

I feel that this discussion has been out of place and out of order; but I did not wish to have the matter misrepresented. Ladies, I have done just what any other sane person would have done in regard to this matter under the existing circumstances. If you think it would have been right for me to take this whole matter out of this Department's hands after they had labored so hard, and had secured us such a pleasant place to hold our Convention, then I *am* surprised.

Throughout this entire discussion I have not spoken of myself and my own personal feelings—nor of the insults that have been placed upon me. I have paid no attention to them. I would like to tell you of some of them if it were necessary.

I will say that in no way, shape nor manner have I ever written or said a discourteous word to Clara Barton or the ladies on the Sub-Committee. I have been just as careful in my correspondence as I could be. I have been misrepresented through the

papers, and it has been very disagreeable to me. I instructed my Secretary to be careful in all her correspondence, because every word we wrote was misrepresented. We have been careful about what has gone from Headquarters. I believe it is the duty of this Convention to consider these facts.

It seems that this Citizens' Sub-Committee is represented as suffering while waiting to hear from us. Here is a church that has been provided for us. We have had our Convention torn all to pieces, our plans set aside, and are told that we are dilatory—that we are begging the question and staving it off. It is not so. I had made my plans for the Convention so that we could have finished it up in three days. How long we shall have to remain here now, at great expense, I am unable to say. There are a great many things I could say in connection with this, every word of which is the truth.

I hope you will remember that there is a future for the Woman's Relief Corps, and accounts which cannot be evened up in Washington; and under the Rules and Regulations of this Order, they must be respected. I do not know as I have anything else to say upon this subject, unless there are questions to be asked.

Here it was suggested by Mary A. Bradley that Mrs. Hendricks of the Department of the Potomac make a statement as to her interest in the case.

Mrs. Hendricks:

Ladies: I do not want to say anything. I know Mrs. Logan has said some very unkind things to us and about us; but I will forgive her, for she has been misled, as we all have. Mrs. Logan has not represented the matter just as it occurred. After the Citizens' Committee had held eight or nine meetings, and had organized their committees, Mr. Edson came to me (as our ladies here will testify), after they had had nine meetings. He came to me, and said: "Mrs. Hendricks, you must come and offer the courtesies of this Department. Can you not come?" After some conversation in regard to the Committees and Miss Clara Barton's appointment as Chairman (he stating that she was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps), he said he would come back again in

a few days. I told him how I felt about it, and that I would talk with my husband; and whatever he advised me to do, I would do.

In the meantime, we had been making our plans for this entertainment. He saw that we were doing so—that we were going to work, and had the promise of from five to seven thousand dollars for this entertainment.

Well, I was again urged to take part; and I finally went to a meeting. I shall always remember that meeting. I was told to go and see Miss Barton and talk with her. I was told to go to her and tell her that I would like the Department to furnish lunch. I went out to see her, and I said: "Now, Miss Barton, you know we are outside of this. We have not much money; but we would like to furnish the lunch to the National Delegates." She said: "Oh, no; oh, no!" She could not entertain it for a moment. The Citizens' Committee would attend to that. I talked with her—tried to argue and reason with her. I had all the respect for her that one woman could have for another. I said then, "Well, Miss Barton, I will leave that with you and the National President," and went away.

On the Monday following I went to a meeting of the Committee. The Secretary stated that Miss Barton would not be present, and asked me what we would like to do. I went on to tell her, and told her just as nicely as I could. She began questioning right away as to how we were going to pay for it; and I told her that we proposed to pay for it.

I had been made Chairman of a Committee, but had not been told what was expected of me. Everything had been assigned to the other Chairmen, and not a thing left for me. At the next meeting I asked what my duties as Chairman were, and was told that the Chairman of the Convention's duties were to see that a sufficient number of chairs and tables were provided at the Convention Hall.

It was stated, even among members of other organizations, that I had been made Janitor of the Convention Hall. I felt very much mortified, of course. I did not say anything, ladies, because my Department always was opposed to my being a member of the Citizens' Committee.

Matters went on for a time. At a meeting Miss Barton said to me, "Mrs. Hendricks, have you not something to say?" While I was standing upon my feet telling them about it, a motion was made to adjourn.

I felt terribly about this. I did not tell my people. I knew they would not let me go back again. I did not even tell my husband about it. Every time I went to a meeting, Miss Barton would say, "Have you not something to say—some suggestion to make?" Of course I had none, because the moment I stood up before the Committee, I felt that no attention would be paid to what I said.

Matters went on. I received a letter from Miss Barton (I have a copy of it, which I can present to this Convention if necessary), which stated that the National President had placed in the hands of the Department of the Potomac, the luncheon, and had asked us to furnish it.

I was asked to make a report as to what we were doing as a Department, and what I was doing as Chairman of the Convention. She had asked me to make a report in writing. I did so. I put my report in Miss Barton's hands, and she held it there. I gave it to her on the fourth day of June, and it was held until August 23d.

Mrs. Wittenmyer came that morning and asked the assistance of the Committee to get a pension bill through. She saw me place my report in her hands. It never went before our Executive Committee. She read the other papers.

All official documents that came there were placed in the hands of that Committee; and that Committee decided what it would do with them. It was then referred to the Executive Committee. My report never was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee at all until the 23d of August.

I was just as much surprised as I could be when I received Miss Barton's letter; as in no way, shape, nor form, so help me God! had I ever said a word to which the Citizens' Committee, or any member of the Committee, could object, to our National President. Mrs. Logan has said that I made all this trouble.

Things have been said here today that I should not have dared to say, as a lady, of anyone. She has tried to place me in a bad light before this Convention.

I have taken no part of this to myself. Mrs. Logan has strange ideas. It was said that the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., came here today in a body to abuse me. I say I have done nothing at all. Commander Palmer said to me, "Mrs. Hendricks, I do not propose to have anything to do with this question — it does not belong to us. Let the women settle it."

To say that the Grand Army would refuse us recognition because we do not accept courtesies that have once been refused is absurd. I say that it is not true; for the Commander-in-Chief has told me upon more than one occasion that he did not propose to have anything to do with it. He understands the situation. He saw the letters. He saw Miss Barton's letter to me. If you ladies had been there you would certainly have been surprised.

Mrs. Logan was not there. I forgive her for what she has said. She has been wrongly informed. She does not know what has been going on. She has heard but one side of the question. I have kept away from her. I have had too much spirit, too much principle, to stoop to anything of the kind. I have kept entirely away.

I have stood by the Department of the Potomac. I have always done that. We have obeyed our National laws. No National President yet can say that the Department of the Potomac has not complied with its Rules and Regulations. In this District organization we have taken no part. I love every member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and have done everything I could to help them come right in under the laws. Several Corps in the Department can tell you that.

Potomac Post organized last year, in order that Potomac Corps might become its auxiliary and so come in under the Rules and Regulations. They did not want the charter recalled.

Mrs. Logan (interrupting): How many women, members of Potomac Corps, were there on that Committee?

Mrs. Hendricks: There were *seven* present the morning the courtesies were withdrawn from our National President. Mrs.

Logan was not there. She does not know anything more about what was going on than you do. I do not mean as regards the work. I mean as to what the different committees were doing. The National President authorized me to secure this building; or rather, she telegraphed me to secure a building. There was no hall — no church in this city. Every one had been taken by the Grand Army and the Citizens' Committee. B. H. Warner, whom we had supposed to be in New York, said: "Ladies, I do not think it would be best or of any use for you to try to get that church. We could never allow anything of the kind in our church." This was the only church we could get. We waited a few days, and the Comrades of the Department of the Potomac tried to get this church. It was given to us without a dissenting voice. We then went to work to furnish the lunch. We had about a thousand dollars toward it, and we did all we could. Now, if you see fit to go back on the Department of the Potomac, and accept the courtesies of the citizens after they have once withdrawn and refused them, all right; I have nothing further to say.

Mrs. Logan: May I ask a question? It seems to be a question of veracity. Did you not go before the Legislative Committee and ask it to make an appropriation for your Department?

Mrs. Hendricks: No, Madam; I did not.

Mrs. Logan: I was told so. I only asked you because I was told that you did. I only want to tell you ladies one thing. I feel that I have not much character for truth and veracity. The Baptist Church, the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Central Church, and three or four others, have been subject to your order for the use of the Convention. There has not been a time when you could not have occupied all of them if you had wanted to.

Mrs. Hendricks: May I explain that the Citizens' Committee held these churches? They had withdrawn their courtesies from our National President.

Mrs. Logan: I beg of you to send for the original copy of the letter which Clara Barton wrote, and have it read to this Convention. If she says that they withdrew the courtesies, I will apologize to you for all I have said about it, and withdraw the offer of any courtesies.

The following correspondence, asked for by Mrs. Logan, and which could not be obtained at the moment (owing to sudden illness of National Secretary), is here inserted to corroborate the statements of National President and others and justify the action of the National President: —

These letters were read to National Officers and all Department Presidents in Council assembled prior to Convention.

CITIZENS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
[Dictated.] TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R.
WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23, 1892.

MRS. IDA V. HENDRICKS,
Department President W. R. C.
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mrs. Hendricks: Your kind letter of June 4 has awaited the official action of the National President; and my decision is that, as it seems imperative, on her part, that all matters connected with the National Convention W. R. C. be kept within, and administered by, its own body, the Citizens' Committee, having no desire to interfere with "the duties which properly belong to the W. R. C.," or to any Department connected with it, most cheerfully withdraw from any participation, direction or responsibility relative to the meeting of the W. R. C. Convention in September next, and leave the entire matter in your hands, as "it has been the policy of the Society to arrange for all such matters, and the National President can see no reason why she should depart from the example set by her distinguished predecessors." We do this unhesitatingly, having been assured by the National President that your "Department has the work well in hand, and there is every reason to believe that the result will be entirely satisfactory, and that the Department of the Potomac will not fall behind the Departments that have entertained the Convention heretofore." In thus assuming the direction of the entertainment of the National Convention W. R. C., during the Encampment, you of course assume all responsibilities and liabilities, as I have no authority to pay any bills contracted outside of the Committee which appointed me; and, both for my guidance and your own, in this matter, it must be distinctly understood that, as Chairman of the Citizens' Subcommittee, I can not, under any circumstances, pay expenses for which I do not contract.

In turning the matter over to your charge, I desire to make the transfer in full and in good faith; and in order to do this in the clearest manner, I cannot do better then to enumerate the courtesies formally tendered in my letter of March 18 to the National W. R. C., through its honored President, which were as follows: —

A building in which to hold Convention, with decorations, also flowers, music, souvenirs and daily lunch. These, together with the proposed W. R. C. reception, now devolve upon you and your Depart-

ment. And dear Mrs. Hendricks, believing this decision on my part will more nearly coincide with your own desires, so far as I am able to judge, and those of our esteemed National President as well, I beg to assure you of the great pleasure it affords me to make it known to you, and beg you to accept my congratulations beforehand for the undoubted success, which I feel assured awaits the efforts you will so faithfully make; and knowing how heavy your duties will be, I cheerfully relieve you from the labor of making reports to me on the subject, as a matter resting entire between yourself and the Order.

Yours cordially, in-F., C. and L.,

CLARA BARTON,

Chairman.

CITIZENS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

[Dictated.]

TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23, 1892.

To the National Secretary of the W. R. C.,

MRS. ELLA COBEAN,

Delavan, Illinois.

Dear Madam: Your communication of May 30, in reply to mine of May 19, dictated by our honored President and addressed to the National Chaplain, giving expression to some preferences and unavoidable conclusions on her part, relative to points connected with the Encampment, was duly received.

I do not suppose, as Chaplain, I should be qualified to deal with the questions submitted by our President; but as Chairman of the Citizens' Committee on W. R. C. and kindred associations, and a member of the Citizens' Committee which invited the entire Encampment to the participation of our hospitalities, I venture to reply, and in so doing would say, that the matter of who shall serve the lunches to the Convention during its visit to our city is not a matter of the slightest preference to us, so that it is well done. Having never known until the reception of your letter, that "At the time of the Department (of the Potomac W. R. C.) Convention a resolution was passed requesting the privilege of furnishing the luncheon to the delegates of the National Convention," I assigned the giving of the lunches to the society in the city which I supposed to be best fitted, by experience, numbers and means, for the conduct of this special work, which contemplated not only the W. R. C., but five other National orders of patriotic women, to which our city also extended hospitalities. The assurance given in your letter that "the offer (of the Department W. R. C.) was accepted, and the Department has the work well in hand, and there is every reason to believe that the result will be entirely satisfactory, and that the Department of the Potomac will not fall behind the Departments that have entertained the Convention heretofore,"

entirely relieves us of all responsibility in the matter, as the Department, in assuming the work, thereby assumes all liabilities connected with it; and we are very much gratified to know that this is the preference of the National President, and are most happy to make the assignment as directed.

Our President, with her usual correctness, decides that my reference to the Citizens' Committee of gentlemen was "unprecedented" in the annals of the W. R. C. in former Encampments; that is undoubtedly true, as it is probably the first in which the citizens of any city ever proposed to make them its guests; thus there never was a Committee to whom the subject of how its guests should be disposed and served, "could" have been "referred." It is, perhaps, proper to add that in so doing I did not go out of my own Committee membership, not by any means refer to outside parties. I can yet scarcely conceive of regulations so exacting and inflexible as to have rendered a reference to my own Committee in the matter of a question needing practical advice, "unprecedented" in law or the usages of "an order." Yours being a semi-military organization, it is possible that a larger experience in military affairs would have given me the knowledge I lacked.

Learning as I do by your letter that our National President "cannot put into the hands of the Citizens' Committee duties which properly belong to herself and to the Department of the Potomac W. R. C.," and as these "duties" are to be performed between these two bodies, there remains but one thing to be done, viz.: the Citizens' Committee leaves the so-called duties which we had assumed "as courtesies to guests" with the National President and the Department of the Potomac, to be performed by themselves, it being a matter with which said Committee could have no further concern.

In accordance with which I have written to the President of the Department of the Potomac W. R. C., notifying her of our entire concurrence in the desires expressed by both the National President and herself, and that "the Citizens' Committee, having no desire to interfere with 'the duties which properly belong to the W. R. C.,' or to any Department connected with it, most cheerfully withdraw from any participation, direction or responsibility relative to the meeting of the W. R. C. Convention in September next, and leave the entire matter in your hands."

I also added the following paragraph: "In turning this matter over to your charge, I desire to make the transfer in full and in good faith; and in order to do this in the clearest manner, I cannot do better than to enumerate the courtesies formally tendered, in my letter of March 18, to the National W. R. C., through its honored President, which were as follows: A building in which to hold Convention, with decorations; also, flowers, music, souvenirs and daily lunch. These, together with the proposed W. R. C. reception, now devolve upon you and your Department."

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of this entire letter ; and hoping that the cordial acceptance, on my part, of the decision of our honored President may afford her as much satisfaction in the receiving as it does me in the sending, and assuring her that in no possible way has she "disappointed" me, I have the honor to be

Very cordially yours, in F., C. and L.,

CLARA BARTON,

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Chairman.

Lizabeth A. Turner: It is perhaps nearer to my heart as being one of the old members of the organization than any other. No person that has stood here in this Convention and heard the statements that have been made, can fail to see that it is a personal matter. Let us put aside this personal matter. We have all got to make some concessions. Each one is strong for her own convictions as to what she considers right. Mrs. Hendricks has done what she considers right, and I suppose Clara Barton has done what she considered right. They are both good women and both members of the Woman's Relief Corps. This question has resolved itself into the matter of a personal fight. That is the way I look at it. There is something beside this that we want to look at. We have got to look it squarely in the face, too. We are standing on the edge of a volcano. It was said, when this National organization was formed: "You will be disbanded, and by your own work. The women will not keep still. They will quarrel between themselves." I beg of you for the sake of the Grand Army of the Republic, do not let us do this. Let us smooth over our wrongs; let us do everything we can to stand right with the Grand Army of the Republic. When this organization was formed, — and it never would have been had it not been for John A. Logan, as no other man at that time would have done what he did, — we pledged ourselves to be an auxiliary; and if we become a source of discord in their ranks, we shall soon cease to exist. I learned today, from a gentleman who is not a member of the Department of the Potomac, but in every way a member of the National Convention, that a Committee was already formed of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to ask for recognition in that Order when we failed to show proper respect to the Citizens' Committee. This enter-

tainment is not carried on by the Department of the Potomac, nor by Potomac Corps, but it is carried on by men and women of Washington. Let us be charitable to all, and careful of our own existence.

E. Florence Barker: We have heard both sides; and according to the report of Mrs. Hendricks, the National organization of Woman's Relief Corps and Grand Army of the Republic are situated exactly alike. Mrs. Hendricks says the Department of the Potomac has been entirely ignored by the Citizens' Committee. So has the Grand Army. We accepted the courtesies and the invitation to come here from the citizens of Washington. We accepted it graciously and very thankfully. Now let us say to the citizens of Washington, "We are glad to accept your invitation and the entertainment provided by you." In doing this we are following the Grand Army. If we refuse, whom have we to fall back upon? I have belonged to this organization many years; and want to say to you, that there are two women who belong to the Woman's Relief Corps, that no body, no delegation, nor anyone else, can have the right or privilege of doubting their word. Clara Barton has been tried not only in our own, but other nations. She has carried on wonderful things. The other woman to whom I refer as being a member of this Convention stands before us today and needs no introduction. I speak of Mrs. Mary A. Logan.

Annie Wittenmyer: I do not wish to make a speech. I only want to say a word. There is one point upon which I wish to set this Convention aright. The courtesies were withdrawn from our National President. We have not the documents here; but they are at Headquarters and can be shown in black and white. I know we cannot hold these women here much longer, and I recommend that a Committee of five be appointed to report tomorrow concerning the case.

Isabelle T. Bagley: In order that this question may be voted upon with legality, and in a manner that cannot be questioned, I ask that the President call for the report of the Committee on Credentials, that we may proceed to the question.

Kate B. Sherwood desired to know whether the report of that Committee was ready.

Mrs. Bagley (continuing): How can we, Mrs. President, vote legally upon this question until we hear the report of the Committee on Credentials. We want to vote upon that in the morning; and it is our wish that this representative of the Citizens' Committee should meet us at 11.00 tomorrow morning. But we must do all this decently and in order. We must have the report of the Committee on Credentials before we can vote upon this legally. Let us have this report. Why does that Committee delay their report?

Mrs. Sherwood: Mrs. President, With the consent of the Convention, I will change my motion as soon as that Committee reports.

Committee on Credentials announced as being ready to report.

National President announced that Mrs. Cheney would take the place of the National Secretary, Mrs. Cobean, during her temporary absence, and read the report.

Mrs. Cheney: Mrs. President, your Committee on Credentials would respectfully offer the following:—

Number entitled to seats in Tenth National Convention:

National Officers	9
Past National Officers	24
Department Officers	157
Past Department Officers	133
Presidents of Detached Corps	39
Delegates	164
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Total	526

In making our summary of the number present, we decided it would be best to subdivide them and report them in subdivisions.

Number present entitled to vote, including Department Officers and Delegates	326
National and Past National Officers	18
Presidents of Detached Corps	14
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Total	358

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ELLA COBEAN,
CARRIE L. DAVIS,
CAROLINE H. BELL,
ISABELLE KIRKENDALL,
MARY A. H. CADDEN,

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Nettie Ransford of Indiana, and seconded, That the report be received and the Committee continued. So ordered.

Mary A. Bradley asked if there was a motion before the house.

Mrs. Sherwood: I have the privilege of the Convention to change my motion. I wish to put it as follows:—

WHEREAS, A misunderstanding has existed concerning the scope and intent of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee in their extension of courtesies to Tenth National Convention, through which our National President duly and regularly called the Tenth National Convention under other auspices; and

WHEREAS, The Convention desires to accept the courtesies of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee fully and cordially, without reflection upon its National President; therefore

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and that we accept with thanks the courtesies of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee.

Resolved, That we tender hearty thanks to the Baptist Church for the courtesies extended, and to the Committee of Arrangements who have contributed to our pleasure and comfort.

Seconded by Mrs. Mink of New York.

National President: Ladies, There has been no misunderstanding with me.

Question put before the house.

Mrs. Hendricks: Ladies, do by me and my Department as you would wish to be done by.

National President: So long as there is discussion presented, we must receive it. There has been no misrepresentation with me.

It was stated that the Department of the Potomac had expended between eight hundred and a thousand dollars out of their own pockets, making preparations for the entertainment of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Sherwood called for the previous question.

National President: As many as are in favor of the previous question, will manifest it by raising hands. The previous question simply means the original question put.

Asked from the floor: "What was the original question?"

Mrs. Sherwood was asked to again state her motion, which she did by re-reading it.

National President: That is the previous question. All in favor of the previous question, as read by Mrs. Sherwood, will raise hands. [Rising vote called for and taken.]

The National President being unable to decide, the vote was taken by sections, each section rising and standing until counted and reported.

The result was 174 in favor of accepting the invitation, 86 opposed. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Sherwood: Well, now I move, That this Convention thank Mrs. Logan for her presence and counsel, and that she tender our acceptance to the Citizens' Committee of their hospitality. [Seconded. Carried.]

Mrs. Sherwood: We have always esteemed it an honor to receive the Commander-in-Chief with his wife. They came here today and went away. What is the wish of the Convention?

National President: We shall be glad to see them at any time they present themselves.

Mrs. Ransford: It seems to me that it would be well to attend to a little real business before we go on inviting any more.

Mrs. Barker: I move that half an hour be set apart tomorrow for the Commander-in-Chief and his wife, and for the Past Commander-in-Chief and his associates.

Here quite a little discussion arose as to the reception of Mrs. General Alger. (It was in the nature of a conversation among the ladies, none of them stating their names, and several speaking at once.) It appeared that she had been admitted to the Convention in the morning, but did not wish to be presented.

National President: Mrs. Barker's motion may have received a second. If so, I did not hear it [No action taken.]

Mrs. Logan: Ladies, I thank you with all my heart. I think you have done well and wisely. I hope you will soon forget all the friction that has occurred; and nobody regrets it more than I, that it should have come up before this Convention. It was very unexpected on my part. I had thought I should come in only for a few moments this morning, and had made several engagements for the afternoon. I thank you very much indeed for what you have done, and assure you that the Citizens' Committee will do everything in their power to make your session successful and pleasant.

Annie Wittenmyer (at close of Mrs. Logan's speech) : The Department of the Potomac has raised a great deal of money, and gone to a great deal of expense in fitting up this church; and now, while we are courteous and anxious to do what is right, I also believe in being honest and honorable; and I move that the expense incurred by the Department of the Potomac be refunded to them. I want to be generous and courteous. I want to be just and honest. [Seconded by Sarah K. Clark of Minnesota.]

Mrs. Sherwood : The President of the Department of the Potomac said she would decline it. Do I understand that this expense was from the Department funds, or from funds collected?

Mrs. Wittenmyer : The scope of my resolution will not take into consideration where the money came from. It is to go into the Department fund, or wherever they wish it to go. Mrs. Hendricks has not the power to decline. [Motion was carried.]

National President : When this Convention adjourns, it will be to meet tomorrow morning, in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. All Aides, Conductors, Guards and Messengers are expected to be on duty. No further changes will be made in the arrangements of this Convention.

Mrs. Ida S. McBride of Indiana : Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention, I have just learned that the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now in session in this city, has chosen Indianapolis as its next meeting place. It is my happy privilege, in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Indiana, to extend to this Convention an invitation to hold its next meeting in our beloved Capital. We promise to welcome you to our homes with hearty "Hoosier" hospitality, and will do all in our power to make your visit with us so remembered for its pleasures that when you leave us you will all wish to come again.

Mrs. Barker moved, That this invitation be accepted. Seconded by Emma Stark Hampton. Carried.

Mrs. Agnes Hitt of Indiana made a fine little speech concerning the work in Indiana, what progress had been made, the next Encampment, etc.

After again giving notice of the Camp-fire at the Congregational Church, Mrs. Wittenmyer made a motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Seconded by several. Carried.

Convention declared adjourned.

THURSDAY — MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church at 9.35 A.M., Thursday, Sept. 22, National President in the chair.

The National President, finding no arrangements had been made in this church for the accommodation of the different delegations, requested all to be seated as nearly as possible as they were in the church occupied the day before, until order could be brought out of chaos. Those not entitled to vote were asked to take seats in the galleries.

Several Department Presidents were here called to the door in order that delegates and visiting members might be given the password to enable them to be present in the Convention.

National President: The new convention password is being taken from the members as they enter, and we will not therefore have it taken up in the hall.

Annie Wittenmyer: If there is anybody in the hall that has the authority to do so, I would like to have some accommodations in the way of tables and chairs for the Press Committee. There have been no arrangements made for the Press. I would ask that the members of the Press Committee come forward a moment, whether they remain or not. I mean Miss Elliot, Miss Brazier and Mrs. Bender.

Guard instructed to keep the doors closed during the opening exercises, or until the Convention was declared open for business.

National President: Will Miss Shepherd please preside at the piano?

To this, the pianist prettily responded: —

Mrs. President, Ladies of the Convention: I should be most happy to play if there was a piano in the church, but there is none. I cannot therefore do so.

Convention sung the Opening Ode without music, and Mrs. Wittenmyer led in an earnest, helpful prayer.

National President: Mrs. Hendricks, can you tell whether we are to have a piano or not?

Mrs. Hendricks: I supposed there was one provided here or we should have moved ours. It was repeatedly stated in the Convention yesterday that everything was in readiness and waiting in this church for the comfort and convenience of the National officers in conducting the business of Convention.

A committee was appointed to bring from the Convention Hall of yesterday the markers used for designating pews occupied by the different Departments, and any other needed conveniences remaining there.

Nettie Ransford: I want to here state a fact. Last night, after leaving the Convention Hall, I was informed by one whose veracity cannot be doubted (and two or three others of our own Department heard the statement made by the Comrade and will corroborate what I say), that at the very door outside of the other church were seated two women, one a reporter, and another who was telling her everything that had passed in Convention Hall; and those gentlemen could tell us all of the work, and could even tell the password. Now this statement was made after our President had said that nothing should be given out for publication except through the proper channel. I cannot understand what we are made of that anyone should communicate such news through other than the proper channel. This statement was made in the presence of others, who will, or can, verify my statements. They are delegates here. It is not proper for such actions to be permitted. If we are a body of honorable women, let us put down such work. If we are not, let us disband.

National President: I am very much surprised. I dislike exceedingly to resort to harsh measures; but I think it may be necessary for the ladies to take the names of those who divulge the work of this Convention, and report the same. We can then pass some sentence to put an end to such disobedience.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I want the ladies to understand that the Press Committee is not responsible for the items which appeared in the *Star* last night.

National President: I have just been informed that Clara Barton, our National Chaplain, is at the door, ready to be introduced to the Convention. I will ask the Committee on Courtesies to introduce Miss Barton.

Kate B. Sherwood: Mrs. President, Ladies of the Tenth National Convention: I take pleasure in discharging the duty imposed upon me yesterday and presenting to you our only honorary woman member of the Woman's Relief Corps, President of the Red Cross Association, National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps and Chairman of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee, who wishes to greet you this morning.

National President: Ladies, I have the pleasure of presenting to you Miss Clara Barton, our National Chaplain. Convention, salute.

Miss Barton addressed the Convention as follows:—

It is certainly a privilege to come before you for a moment, and I shall only take a moment of your time, for I know how precious it is; but I wish in that moment to express to you the satisfaction I have in welcoming you, this body of women of the Tenth National Convention, to the Capital of the United States. I am glad to see you here; and referring to that let me say to you what no one else can do so well—let me commend to you the loving care, the labor and pains of the Committee, of which I have been the Chairman, in the preparation for your reception. Twenty-five or thirty ladies,—I am not sure that there was not more,—some of them the most honored ladies in the land, some of the highest ladies in the land, have come here and stood with me in arranging a place for your reception. They stood with me for eight—yes, for ten—months, preparing for your welcome—a welcome which we wanted to extend to this body of patriotic women. It is a congratulation to their labor that I see you here, and that I am able to welcome you to this place in their names. In the name of Loyalism and Patriotism of the land, I welcome you. May your decisions be just, and may your memories of this place be such as you would like to recall and cherish. Then, with that “Charity for all and malice toward none,” let me welcome you again.

Mrs. Sherwood: I move, That the Tenth National Convention extend a vote of thanks to Miss Clara Barton, its National Chaplain and Chairman of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee, and that she be allowed to retire from the Convention, from the fact that she is ill and desires to go away.

Seconded by Mrs. Sallie Jackson of Indiana. Rising vote called for. [Carried.]

National President: I now take pleasure, in accordance with your instructions of yesterday, in giving Miss Barton the Convention password; so that, if she chooses to go back and forth, she may be able to do so, and enter at her pleasure.

The password was here communicated to Miss Barton.

National President: Ladies, there are some important matters to come before the Convention as soon as you can give your minds to them. There is a Committee in the ante-room from the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, with greetings. What is the pleasure of the Convention?

Moved by Ida W. Moore of Kansas, seconded by Mrs. Ransford, That the Committee be received. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Ransford, seconded by several, That no one be allowed to speak more than twice upon any subject during the remainder of this Convention, and that they be limited to five-minute speeches. [Carried.]

The Chairman of Committee on Courtesies escorted the visiting Comrade to the platform, and presented him as follows: "Mrs. President, I have the pleasure of presenting to you Comrade Edgar A. Allan of Richmond, Va., who bears greetings from the Grand Army."

National President: Ladies of the Tenth National Convention, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Comrade Edgar A. Allan, Past Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, of Richmond, Va., who will address us for a few minutes.

Comrade Allan: Ladies, my Comrades of the Woman's Relief Corps: Next to the worship of my God, for more than a quarter of a century I have worshipped the loyal women of this land; and until I saw the paper this morning, I have taken to myself the flattering unction that I should have the privilege for once in my life of worshipping both in the same house.

Hundreds of loyal hearts are sad in this city today, and one of them stands before you and addresses you now. All I have on earth — wife, boys, girls, son-in-law and grandchildren — go Sabbath after Sabbath to the Baptist Church which you left last night. [Applause.]

That man of God, Commissioner Morgan, is sad of heart this morning. The loyal man who is Superintendent of our Sunday School is in grief today. The President of the Young Men's Missionary Society of that church feels bowed down in sadness this morning. Hundreds of other loyal hearts that hoped for once that their house of worship might be filled with the loyal women of the land, are saddened today, and we must go on sorrowing.

I come, therefore, Mrs. President, not exactly with the heart of gladness that as usual has been mine, or lit with the smiles of gladness that I have been wont to wear; but I come today bearing the greeting of the Twenty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to say that I would follow the Tenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, if it had gone to Boston, Mass.

We are not unmindful that without this Organization, ours would long ago have passed into a condition of innocuous desuetude; and had you been present, Comrades, to witness the reception of your kindly greetings today, or yesterday, there would have been no doubt in the mind of any member of your Organization, as to the fact that as years go by the Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps and the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic go hand in hand.

I come here today to assure you of their esteem and affection for your Organization and its every member; and to express to you its hope for your success in your celebration in this city, and to renew its welcome to your Order.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention, before closing let me add that I wish for each and every one a safe and happy return to the families which you have left behind.

I regret that I had to come as the sole representative of our Encampment this morning; but my greetings are none the less sincere.

Here Mr. Allan discovered Comrade Evans, who had just entered, and added: —

I never knew Comrade Evans to get left on an occasion of this kind. I was expected to give a reason for his absence, and I am very glad that he has put in an appearance and thus saved me the embarrassment I should have labored under had I made that explanation and found out afterwards that he was in the room.

I was about to say that Comrade Chase of Indiana was appointed a member of this Committee; but a telegram from home hastened him away early after his appointment.

I am glad, however, that Comrade Evans is here. I thank you very much for the kind reception you have given me; and, repeating the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic, I will retire.

Mrs. Myerhoff of Indiana was requested to escort Comrade Evans to the platform.

National President: Ladies, I have the pleasure and honor of presenting to you Comrade Evans, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, a loyal friend of the Woman's Relief Corps from its foundation. Convention, salute.

Comrade Evans: Mrs. President, Ladies, I thought when I first appeared with you that I did not propose to inflict a speech upon you. I know in years gone by that we have taken up too much of your time. We do not desire to do so; but I have come here at the request of the National Encampment to extend to you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We come to you today to thank you for what you have done for us in the past, for all the good work you are doing at present, and to express the hope that your Convention this year may be one of the most successful that you have ever held.

We feel proud that we are in Washington today; proud that we marched down Pennsylvania Avenue last Tuesday; proud that we are able to stand here today in this grand meeting and show the people of the country that we are the boys who fought from '61 to '65.

We saw you in Boston. We heard your greetings, and were pleased with them. We were also pleased with your work. And

all I can say — and to the girls of Massachusetts, whom I see here — is, that I hope harmony, unity and good feeling may prevail in your Convention as it does in the Grand Army. I hope there may pass between you no dissension, and that when you leave here to go to your homes you will take with you some recollection of your visit to Washington and this Encampment which will remain with you.

“The bravest battle that ever was fought —
Shall I tell you where and when?

On the maps of the world you'll find it not,
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

“Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen;
Nay, not with eloquent word or thought
From mouths of wonderful men.

“But deep in a welled-up woman's heart —
Of women that would not yield,
But bravely, silently bore her part —
Lo! there is the battle-field.

“No marshalling troop, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave;
But, oh, these battles! they last so long!
From babyhood to the grave.”

I bid you Godspeed in your work, and may God bless you one and all and return you to your families again safely and happily.

National President: Ladies, it becomes my duty to make an explanation. It has just come to me that greetings of our National Convention have been sent to the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that these Comrades have been appointed to respond to those greetings.

I wish to say in the presence of these gentlemen that the greetings were not officially sent by this Convention. I have appointed my Committee to carry greetings to the Encampment assembled who will discharge this duty at the proper time. Comrade Allan, the greetings of which you spoke, as I have stated, were not officially sent by this Convention, and I shall be glad to have you send me a copy of the same.

Comrade Allan: I think I can send you the original papers bearing the greetings.

National President here presented one of the Convention badges to each of the Comrades, also a rose to each, one red, the other white, saying as she did so, "These are all I have to tender."

Comrade Allan: Ladies, this graceful act touches my heart. Living as I have done in a Southern land for some time past, where roses grow in abundance, we have always decorated our graves with roses. I know some of us have a tendency to load with flowers the graves of loved ones with whom we parted long years ago, but over whose pathway we never strewed a rose in lifetime. I can leave you, I think, with no sentiment more expressive—more responsive to what has just transpired—than a repetition of these beautiful lines:—

"If some of the boxes of ointment

We open for friends when too late

Were only unsealed when wounds could be healed,

How different would oft be their fate!

"And flowers that are laid on the coffin,

If strewn on the pathway of life,

Would oft bring relief to bitterest grief

And smother the embers of strife.

"We need to be kind to the living,

To speak tender words while they're here;

For when they are dead, what then may be said

Will fall on a heedless ear.

"O ye! who when I am buried

'Neath a burden of sorrow will bow:

In vain must I pray, while yet in the way,

For the love I would prize so much now."

National President: Ladies, As the greetings of this Convention have been sent to the Grand Army Encampment without my knowlege, I feel that it is my privilege to accept Comrade Allan's offer to send me the original copy, that I may know just what has been done. Comrade Allan could hardly be mistaken in regard to it. Gentlemen: On behalf of the members of this Convention, I think I can truly say that we are grateful to you for your kind words, and your appreciation of our efforts in your behalf; and the ladies of this Convention wish to extend to you their thanks.

Mrs. Wittenmyer suggested that a rising vote of thanks be extended. National President so ordered, and Convention stood while the Comrades passed out.

Mrs. Moore of Kansas here notified the National President that Mother Bickerdyke was in the room and desired to meet the President. Mrs. Moore was instructed to escort her to the platform.

National President : Ladies, I take great pleasure in presenting to you Mother Bickerdyke. Everybody knows her and loves her for her grand reputation. Convention, salute.

Mother Bickerdyke : One word has been dropped here by the gentleman speaking last, that struck right to my heart, "Be kind to the living." Minister to their wants. It is well to remember the dead; but we should not remember them at the expense of the living. Why, I have families under my care, and look after them! I have gone to the Soldiers' Home to see how they were cared for. I think if we all follow the teaching of Paul in the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, last verse, we shall not come far short of what we ought to do: That plainly teaches, Do your duty, your whole duty, and nothing but your duty. Word came to me last winter of a family in Kansas. My son said to me, "I'll go for you." "No," said I, "I'll go myself; then I'll know just what he wants." Well, that poor fellow is well cared for now.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Bickerdyke's remarks, Mrs. Wittenmyer said: "I want to tell you something about Mrs. Bickerdyke. A lady once said there would not be so many old soldiers in this country as there are — they would have filled soldiers' graves long ago — had it not been for Mother Bickerdyke's pulling them out when they were half way in. She pulled them out and saved them."

Committee on Courtesies was instructed to seat Mother Bickerdyke and escort the National Chaplain to the door, as she desired to retire from the Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood : The Committee on Courtesies is ready to report. We have prepared answers to greetings received, and would like the Convention to take action, so they can be forwarded at once.

Mrs. Sherwood as Chairman of that Committee was instructed to proceed. At the conclusion of her report, it was moved by Mrs. Putnam, seconded by Mrs. Reed, That the Convention adopt the resolutions. [Carried.]

The Secretary announced the Committees on Officers' Reports. Members of committees were instructed to report to the Chairmen at once.

The wife of the Commander-in-Chief was announced as being in the ante-room.

Mrs. Myerhoff of Indiana instructed to proceed to the vestibule and escort Mrs. Palmer to the platform.

National President: Ladies, I have the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. Palmer, wife of our Commander-in-Chief. Convention, salute. We would be pleased to hear from you, Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Palmer: I am pleased to meet you, ladies, and I hope you will get through your work in a satisfactory manner. The Commander-in-Chief sent his best wishes and greetings to the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. He wanted to be present, but is too busy in the Encampment.

Moved by Mrs. Sherwood, seconded by Mrs. Craig, That the Convention return greetings to the Commander-in-Chief through his wife. [Carried.] Mrs. Palmer was escorted out.

National President said the people down stairs had notified her that the decorations on the platform were intended for the luncheon tables, and they wanted to come in and get them.

It was moved and seconded, That we dispense with flowers on the luncheon table rather than to suspend business while they were being removed.

National President: There is a motion before the house. The motion is, That we dispense with decorations on the luncheon table. [Question put and carried.]

Mrs. Craig: It has always been the pleasure of every executive body meeting in this city to send greetings to the Commander in authority. This body forgot that duty yesterday. I move, Mrs. President, That a resolution of sympathy be sent to our afflicted Comrade, Benjamin Harrison. Seconded by Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson of Colorado.

National President : Mrs. Sherwood, as Chairman of Committee on Courtesies, has already attended to this duty.

It was here desired to know whether there were any committee rooms in the building, as the space inside the Convention hall was limited. Mrs. McQuiston stated that she had been told there were plenty of rooms below, with tables, chairs, etc.

It was moved by Mrs. Putnam, seconded by several, That all applause be stopped. National President thanked the ladies for the motion. [Carried.]

Mrs. Bradley wished to know if an official committee had been appointed on greetings to the Grand Army from the Woman's Relief Corps.

National President : Committee will be announced later.

National President stated that it would be necessary to have the roll called unless it was dispensed with for the present by Convention.

Mrs. Barker : I am perfectly willing that it should be dispensed with, if it is the voice of the Convention. We have adopted the Red Book, and very proud were we to be under the discipline of that very explicit book. The first duty, as set forth therein, is roll call.

Mrs. Amelia Colgan of Virginia moved, That the roll call be dispensed with until the proper time. Seconded by several. Discussion arose as to whether the laws could be digressed from.

Nettie Ransford said that the law was not as strict as that of the Medes and Persians, but that, as the Convention had the report of the Credential Committee, it was legally organized.

Emma B. Lowd moved, That the Department Presidents verify their delegations and vouch for them, with a view of forwarding the work. [No second.]

Mrs. Ransford moved, seconded by several, That the Convention dispense with the verification of delegates until just before election of officers. [Carried and so ordered.]

National President announced a Committee to carry greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic : —

Mrs. Wittenmyer of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Bagley of Ohio.

Mrs. Lowd of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Craig of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Sherwood arose to a point of personal explanation and spoke as follows: —

An impression has gone forth that the Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies, without the instructions of the Convention, sent greetings to the Grand Army Encampment. I wish to say that I consider myself a law-abiding member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and that I entertain great respect for the National President of this Convention; and I have taken no steps toward sending any messages or greetings, except preparing such as I have been instructed to prepare by the President. It is my opinion that the National Encampment had no greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps. It is my opinion that the greetings were extended to the Grand Army Encampment by some other body. I speak of this, as I wish to say that I do not wish to be thought guilty of violating the law of courtesy and the rules of this Order.

National President: Nothing is known of this matter except what we were told by Comrade Allan; he has said he would send over the original paper. I think there is something wrong about it, but do not think Comrade Allan can be mistaken. He has presented himself at every National Convention, bearing greetings to our Order. I have now appointed my Committee officially to carry our greetings to the Grand Army.

Assistant National Secretary read a telegram from Mrs. Lizzie E. Blackmore of Pontiac, Ill.

PONTIAC, ILL., Sept. 21, 1892.

Mrs. SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President, W. R. C., Washington, D.C., and members assembled:

Greeting. Pleasant session. My heart is with you.

LIZZIE BLACKMORE,
Corps President.

Referred to Chairman of Committee on Courtesies, with the suggestion from Mrs. Wittenmyer that telegrams, greetings, etc., should not be brought before the Convention unless they were exceedingly important, but that the Committee take charge of same, and answer them in a proper manner.

Moved by Mrs. Flo J. Miller of Illinois, seconded by Mrs. Cobean, That a copy of the greetings, both received and sent by the Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies, be placed in the hands of the Secretary for record. [Carried and so ordered.]

National President: What shall be done with the reports of your officers that have been prepared for this Convention?

Moved by Mrs. Wales, seconded by Mrs. Reed, That they be referred to the Committees, without being read before the Convention.

National President: You have evidently not a very clear idea of the subject. You are voting upon a very important matter. These are reports of all the National Officers and include the work of the whole year.

Mary Sears McHenry: It seems to me that it is very little consideration we show these officers of our Order if we refer their reports to the Committees in this manner. I think the least we can do is to permit them to be read, and I suggest that each officer of this Convention be allowed to present and read the report she has prepared.

Annie Wittenmyer: Mrs. President, That will do next year, possibly, when we have less discussion and less delay. The Grand Army expects to get through with its business, and expects us to get through with our business. I would rather Mrs. McHenry would withdraw her suggestion, because I cannot agree with her; and I do not think this Convention can afford to sustain her with the very little time which it has left to complete its business.

Flo J. Miller moved, That the original motion be amended to except the Treasurer's report, as she would like to hear that read. Question called for. Original motion put before the house. [Carried.]

The question as to the re-establishment of a post office here came up. A post office was wanted that the delegates might receive their mail. The matter was, upon motion of Mrs. Putnam, seconded by Mrs. Lowd, placed in the hands of Mrs. Lowd (as a committee of one), to investigate and report. [Carried.]

National President: We will now take up the further work of the Convention. Are there any communications?

Mrs. Miller asked permission of the President to make a speech. She stated that she wanted to come up to the platform that all in the hall might hear her. Permission being accorded, she spoke as follows:—

“ All the world was wondrous fair,
To the bridegroom and the bride,
With the lilacs in the air,
And the roses all at prayer,
Side by side.”

The clock of the age has struck the quarter for this couple ; and today we can but repeat the wish, “ Here’s to your health and your family’s good health, may you live long and prosper.” For you, Mrs. Sanders, has this wish been expressed ; not for myself alone, but also in behalf of the Aides upon whom you conferred the honor of an appointment, and in behalf of a few of your home State friends, who desired to unite in the wish for a prosperous and happy future for you and yours. In order that you may have a more substantial expression of our love for you, it is my pleasant duty to present to you this service in the name of these friends, hoping, as your glances rest upon it, you will call to mind the hearty greetings extended to you on this your twenty-fifth anniversary, and the wishes for a prosperous future as you near and pass your golden milestone ; with the hope that the flower of Fraternity you have ever sought to nourish in our ranks may be transplanted far and near till it blossoms in all weather and beautifies the whole land, that the Charity you have promoted may throw its veiling mantle upon all shortcomings, and the spirit of Loyalty you have ever inculcated will for all time to come prove a monument to your worth more lasting than marble or bronze. And when your life work here is ended, and your feet have grown weary as they touch the brink of the river, where, winding to the vast and shoreless Beyond, may the hearts you have gladdened, the homes you have brightened, cause the pearly gates to swing ajar, and the strains of Angels’ voices singing, “ Well done, good and faithful servant,” greet you and guide you to the Corps on high.

National President : Ladies, When Mrs. Miller asked for permission to speak, I did not know what was coming. I am not prepared to make a speech in answer to what she has said. I accept the “ something ” which she has offered with my sincere thanks. It would require time and thought to make an answer in a manner becoming this occasion. I do not know

what the "something" is to which she refers. I should judge, however, that it is something valuable and beautiful; but whether it is or not, it is never the value of an article which endears it to my heart. The simplest gift as a token of appreciation of anything that I have done, is sacred. During my administration, there have been many times when I believe I should have grown weary under my load had it not been for the kind words of faithful friends which buoyed me up.

I am very anxious, ladies, to know what this expression of appreciation is; and from whatever source it comes,—I understand it is from my Aides whom I saw fit to appoint on the National Staff,—to them and to each and all who may have participated in this, I return my heartfelt and sincere thanks.

Several asked that the gift be placed before the President and Convention. Mrs. Miller informed them that it was the intention to display it during the luncheon hour.

Lizabeth A. Turner: Ladies of the Tenth National Convention, At the last National Convention I was appointed Chairman of a Committee to procure a suitable testimonial for our Past National President, Mrs. McHenry. I wish to say that the Committee has attended to its duty and presented a badge to Mrs. McHenry, which has been accepted and which is very beautiful. I take pleasure in presenting the following correspondence:—

Mrs. MARY SEARS MCHENRY,

Past National President, W. R. C.

Dear Friend: The Ninth National Convention, held at Detroit, Michigan, appointed a Committee to procure a slight token of remembrance of your year's service as National President. This Committee have performed the pleasant duty, and herewith enclose for your acceptance a Gold Badge of our Order. Although it comes to you by vote of Convention, it bears a message of love and kindly greeting from one hundred and seventeen thousand loyal women.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

(Signed)

LIZABETH A. TURNER,
ANNIE WITTENMYER,
ARMILLA A. CHENEY,

Committee.

Mrs. LIZABETH A. TURNER,

Past National Senior Vice-President, W. R. C.

Dear Madam: I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a beautiful "souvenir badge," selected and forwarded by the Testimonial Committee of Ninth National Convention. Please accept my thanks for the lovely gift, and convey to the members of the Woman's Relief Corps my appreciation of the thoughtful kindness that has thus provided me with a continual reminder of the time when I was so highly honored in bearing the title of "National President, Woman's Relief Corps." Your letter says it bears to me the "love and greetings of one hundred and seventeen thousand loyal women." I shall therefore wear it with "pardonable *pride*" in the belief of having served them acceptably, even though I may have in some measure failed to meet their expectations. Its emblem of "Past Rank" shall remind me that a year of National work is but the beginning of honorable service; and in accepting it I thus renew my obligation to the principles and interests of the Order it represents. I rejoice that the names attached to the letter accompanying this gift are those who were so closely identified with my administration and to whom I am indebted for much of the success it attained. I prize this letter, with its personal signatures, among my choicest treasures, and trust that the friendships thus formed may gather strength and confidence as future years bring to us larger and better opportunities for earnest work. Again thanking you for this beautiful "Badge of our Order," I am as ever,

Yours fraternally,

MARY SEARS McHENRY,

Past National President, W. R. C.

The Secretary here reported that she had a note from a lady in the ante-room, asking for admission to the hall. She was a delegate without the password and was accompanied by several others.

Mrs. Turner had inspected the larger part of the territory in the vicinity from where this lady came (Mappsville, Va.); and it was announced by the President, upon motion made by Mrs. Hood of California, and seconded, That Mrs. Turner be empowered to give this delegate and her party (which should be known as the "Turner Delegation") the password, and escort them to seats in the hall. Mrs. Turner retired to the ante-room, and came in with her delegation. She presented them to the National President, who in turn presented them to the Convention, and instructed that the salute be given them. This was done.

Question of luncheon came up, and it was suggested that a delegation be sent to ascertain where luncheon would be served.

National President: The question has been asked several times, "Where are we to obtain lunch?" I, as National President, am not willing to go and ask anybody to serve luncheon to this Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood stated that the Ladies' Citizens' Committee had asked the Convention to designate such time as the Convention was ready for lunch, and it would be served. That tickets had been provided which the Committee on Courtesies had been asked to distribute to the Convention. She would like to have the chairman of each delegation get tickets for her delegation. Lunch was said to be ready.

Moved by Mrs. Turner and seconded, That the Convention adjourn until 1.30 P.M. [Adjourned.]

It was announced during intermission that Comrade Weissert of Wisconsin had been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. This news was received with applause.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 1.30 P.M.

National President: There is a delegation of Comrades in the hall, waiting to be admitted.

Committee on Courtesies instructed to retire and introduce the delegation.

Thomas F. Gleason, Department Commander of Georgia, Comrades Burns and Crawford, were conducted to the platform and introduced to the National President.

National President: Ladies of Tenth National Convention, I have the honor and pleasure of introducing to you the Department Commander of Georgia, Comrade Gleason, also Comrades Crawford and Burns. We shall be glad to hear a few words from them.

Comrade Gleason declined to speak, saying he had brought his friend with him who could talk.

Comrade Burns, Assistant Adjutant-General Dept. Georgia, G. A. R., addressed the Convention as follows:—

Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of America: I am proud to have the honor and the privilege of standing before you today and speaking to you. Proud am I to extend to you the thanks of the Comrades of the State of Georgia, who wear the honored badge of the Grand Army of the Republic. Proud am I to have the pleasure of meeting here the representatives from the different States of our Union. I am glad to stand here and voice the sentiments of my Comrades in my State, my Department, that contributed so much to the annals of this American history. Sumter, Chickamaugua,—the first and last shots, I may say,—Sumter being the first and Chickamaugua being the last that broke up that bloody conflict. Standing before you, ladies, I wish to say that we hold your devotion and your patriotism sacred. We appreciate this. We appreciate your noble assistance from that time to the present, and we take pleasure in presenting to the National Department what we consider belongs justly to the Grand Army of the Republic: and that is, Andersonville.

It gives me pleasure, I say. There are thirteen thousand, seven hundred and two of our soldiers lying there waiting for the blowing of the trumpet of the Angel Gabriel. These are the graves of those men who preserved the Union by their life, their suffering and their death. I have been listening in the National Encampment to resolutions of loyalty. Is it necessary for the spirit of loyalty and patriotism to be inculcated in the minds of our children?

There are young girls growing up in the State of Georgia, girls who are members of the Woman's Relief Corps. They need to be taught the lessons of loyalty which you ladies have sent to us, and the lessons of loyalty will be taught them in our schools.

National President: Comrades, you may be assured this Convention took pleasure in extending its little mite to assist in purchasing this prison ground at Andersonville. We can accept and appreciate the offer of thanks that you have tendered us in the same spirit in which it is tendered. We will endeavor to teach the lessons mentioned, as we know and remember that our brothers, fathers and friends suffered and died, and now lie sleeping there in the National Cemetery.

Committee on Courtesies instructed to escort the Comrades to the door, as they signified their intention of going.

Basket of flowers here presented to the National President by the Department of the Potomac; also a bouquet from Farragut Corps No. 5, composed of flowers representing the National colors.

National President: I am in receipt of a communication from the Grand Army of the Republic in regard to greetings. Comrade Allan told me he would send the original copy. It now appears that it cannot be found.

Mrs. Cheney has instructions to deliver the souvenir badges to the Chairman of each delegation, who is responsible for the number of badges issued to her delegation. I hope you will take special care to see that your delegates are properly counted.

The gift presented National President was here set upon the table by Mrs. Miller. It proved to be a beautiful silver tea-set.

Mrs. Clare H. Burleigh of Massachusetts stated that she had been informed that the pew that Lincoln had formerly occupied was still in the church, and she moved, That some one be appointed to ask Mrs. Logan just where it could be found, so that the members of the Convention could go and see it during intermission.

No second appeared to be made and without waiting further, the National President appointed Mrs. Burleigh a Committee of one to obtain this information and report.

National President: We will now listen to the reading of the minutes of yesterday's proceedings. The record is in your hands to approve or disapprove. Please give it your undivided attention.

The Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Gale, proceeded to read.

National President: You have heard the records of yesterday's session. Are there objections or corrections to the minutes as read?

Mrs. Sarah M. Battels of Ohio, seconded by Ida W. Moore of Kansas, moved, That the records just read be accepted by the Convention, eliminating all conversation, and printing in the Journal only the official business of the Convention.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I think the minutes of yesterday are wonderfully correct; but I wish to say one thing, and that is,

that if the ladies do not wish to be reported, they had better be careful what they say. They had better not say anything that they do not wish to have reported. I think it would be well to leave this matter with the National President and National Secretary, as they have the work of getting out the Journal. I hope Mrs. Battels will withdraw her motion, and allow a little discussion of this matter.

National President: I think the discussion is in order, as the motion was seconded. Did the Convention so understand it?

Mrs. Battels: I agree with Mrs. Wittenmyer about this. I do not desire corrections made in the proceedings; but sometimes we would not like to have everything that is said and done in our Conventions reported in the Journal.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: If there was nothing recorded but the official business of *this* Convention, it would take a very short time to read it; but I must say that this Convention has suffered some very unfortunate delays. There is nothing in the minutes that has not already gone all over the country. The facts should be stated.

Emma Stark Hampton: I think this is a matter that should be left with the National President. I feel that if we have a competent stenographer here to report these proceedings, taking every word that is uttered and every action taken by the Convention, she must have some pride in her work, and will wish to have it properly issued in the Journal; no President should be fettered by having it said to her, "You shall say this, or you shall not say that." I do not see why this President should be curtailed in this matter any more than the rest of us have been.

National President: If you will listen, I will try and explain the matter to you. We *have* a competent stenographer here; she can report our Convention. She has not had time to put all the speeches in type since yesterday; but they are to be furnished. It is not necessary that we should hear them all over again.

Mrs. Emma H. Wyman of Wisconsin: Did Mrs. Wittenmyer make an amendment to the motion? That is, to leave the matter to the President's discretion, as to what should be eliminated from the record.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I did not, but I will. I move to amend by leaving it to the best judgment of our National President, as it has always been left to that representative as to what goes in the Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Hampton and three others.

National Secretary: I will just say it was by my especial request the Stenographer has taken such a complete record of all that was said during yesterday's session. I think when a Convention by their vote allows one entire day to be taken up by a person who is *not* a member of the Convention, they should certainly be willing to allow time sufficient for reading the minutes of that session, in order to be assured they are reported correctly.

Mrs. Moore: We paid a stenographer in Kansas to report our Convention; she took it; but the matter of publication was left to our Department President; when the minutes came out, we did not recognize the greater portion of them.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I am certainly sorry to speak again. I said I moved to amend by leaving to the discretion of the President as to what shall or shall not be put in the Journal. I meant that she put in the records. I did not mean that she would get up something that had not occurred to take its place.

Mrs. Sara L. Brown of Michigan: I think every true woman of this Convention has been impressed with the beautiful manner in which our National President carried herself through the controversy of yesterday. I think we cannot act more wisely than by leaving it to her discretion as to what shall be printed in the Journal.

Mrs. Mary J. Train of Oregon: I think if we have any pride at all, we ought to be ashamed of the business of yesterday: it was our own fault. This is the first National Convention I ever was in. I would like to see a vote upon this question. I would like to see the minutes of this Convention when published. We want to read them when we get home, and we want to read every word in it. We do not want to put in just what suits one or two persons. If any one of the ladies has said anything of which she is ashamed, she ought to be willing to abide by it. I am sorry, but we want the proceedings.

Miss Lydia C. Hopkins of Michigan: I think there has been a misunderstanding about this. As I understand it, the amendment is to leave to the President the right to correct any grammatical errors; that is, to change a word here and there, without changing the intent of the remarks. I do not understand that the amendment provides that she shall have the right to correct the minutes.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: "May eliminate from the minutes what in her best judgment ought to be eliminated." If that was not my motion I will make it so now, with the consent of my second.

Miss Hopkins: I spoke in reference to sustaining the minutes. I have nothing to say with regard to the correctness of the minutes. The minutes have been corrected. I would be very glad to record my vote as to the correctness of the minutes; but I am certainly not in favor of all that transpired yesterday going out broadcast throughout our land. We are all interested in this. It seemed to me that we could adopt some plan of correcting this work of the Convention whereby all this conversation need not be printed, but only the actual work of the Convention.

Charity Rusk Craig: If there are no corrections to the minutes, do they not stand approved, Mrs. President?

National President: You are right; if no objections or corrections, minutes stand approved.

A voice from the body of the room said, "It has been moved to eliminate all except the official business of the Convention."

Mrs. Wittenmyer again stated her amendment.

Mrs. Craig: I do not wish to speak twice upon this one question. It is not moved that the President shall use her best judgment to eliminate any matter entirely; that is, to leave out any certain subject; but that she may cut out such conversation as she thinks advisable. That is my understanding.

Kate B. Sherwood: My idea of the minutes is just this: The minutes that have been given us are correct,—absolutely correct,—so far as I could observe. Those minutes which the Assistant Secretary has presented to the Convention are correct, and at the proper time we can arrange for publication of the minutes, so that we will not have to discuss the matter further. My idea would be

to have a correct record of the minutes, which you will have with your service here. I agree with Mrs. Wittenmyer in what she has said. I think the National President is fully capable of determining what should go in the Journal.

E. Florence Barker: I should like, and I think it proper that it should be done, that every word of this report—which I consider the most complete I ever listened to in any Convention—should be published. I do not see anything out of the way. I think I have kept in my mind pretty clearly what has gone on and what was done yesterday. I do not think any lady said anything yesterday of which she is ashamed. I have just as much respect for the woman who opposes me squarely, if she thinks she is right, as I have for the one who agrees with me. It is time we outgrew these little feelings that the person only is our friend who agrees with us in all things. I for one want to get as far away from such feelings as I can. I hope, Mrs. President, these minutes will stand approved. I do not see any corrections. I do not say that I hope the full report of this Convention will be published in the Journal. I for one am perfectly satisfied to leave that matter in the hands of our National President, who, I am sure, will not eliminate any of the opposition to her side. If she eliminates anything, it will be on the other side. I trust the motion as amended by Mrs. Wittenmyer will prevail. It is safe to trust the matter to our National President. Every President wishes to make her administration look as handsome as she can. It is safe in her hands.

Emma Stark Hampton: Before leaving home I prepared a motion that I have felt for a long time should come before this Convention, and I wish to offer it as a substitute, as I think it covers all these points. With your kind permission I will read it.

I move, That the Stenographer of this Convention be instructed to furnish a full and verbatim record of the entire business and business debate of each and every session of the Convention for the benefit of the Order, and that the retiring President and Secretary may accurately compile the proceedings for the Tenth Journal. The Stenographer's report to be preserved intact for future reference.

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Wittenmyer, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Sherwood. The original motion made by Mrs. Battels and amended by Mrs. Wittenmyer was withdrawn and Mrs. Hampton asked to again read her motion, that all might understand it. [Motion carried.]

The Assistant Secretary read a letter of greetings from the Aid Society, Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. Moved by Mrs. Lowd of Massachusetts, seconded by Mrs. Mattie S. Ehrman of North Dakota, That the Convention accept these greetings, with thanks and appreciation, and that the thanks of the Convention be sent that Society in return, and that we wish them Godspeed in their work. [Carried.]

Mrs. Lowd, as committee of one to look after the post office, reported that one would be established in the present Convention hall. That all mail of yesterday had been distributed and there was none on hand.

Mrs. Gale, Assistant Secretary, desired that the Stenographer be presented to the Convention; and Mrs. Addie L. Davis of Decatur, Ill., ascended the platform and was introduced by the National President to the Convention.

It was moved by E. Florence Barker, seconded by Flo J. Miller, That a vote of thanks be extended the Stenographer in recognition of her ability and the confidence of the Convention, with the information that her report was the best ever received of any National Convention. [Carried.]

The Committee on Report of National Inspector was announced as ready.

Mrs. McQuiston of Ohio, Chairman, read the following:—

COMMITTEE ON INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of Tenth National Convention :

Your Committee have considered the report submitted and commend the earnest, faithful work rendered by our National Inspector.

Recommendation No. 1 : Not approved. Committee recommend the following substitute : That each Department complete their inspection within six weeks after their annual Department Convention.

Recommendation No. 2: Approved by majority of Committee.

Recommendation No. 3: Approved by Committee.

Recommendation No. 4: Approved by majority of Committee.

Recommendation No. 5: Approved by Committee.

Recommendation No. 6: Approved by Committee.

Recommendation No. 7: Approved by Committee.

We appreciate the efficient work accomplished by Elizabeth A. Turner, and believe with the Inspector the time has come for a radical change in this branch of our work; therefore, we desire the careful consideration of her report.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MARY A. McQUISTON,

MARY A. NINEKIRK,

SARAH A. REED,

MARY J. TRAIN,

SARA L. ROTHROCK,

Committee.

National President:

You have heard the report of the Committee on the National Inspector's report. What will you do with it?

Mrs. Train of Oregon: I move, That the report be accepted and each recommendation acted upon separately.

Seconded by Mrs. Miller of Illinois. [Carried.]

Chairman of Committee instructed to read the recommendations separately and the Convention to act upon them in the same manner. (See page 156 for National Inspector's Report.)

Recommendation No. 1: Not approved by Committee. Substitute offered. Moved by Mrs. McHenry of Iowa, seconded by Mrs. Henrietta Steismeier of Missouri, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

National President: Do you all understand this matter?

Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford of Illinois: Do I understand that this inspection is to be completed within six weeks of our annual Convention?

Mrs. Sara L. Rothrock of Iowa asked that the Committee please explain the matter.

Explanation made as follows:—

The recommendation of the National Inspector was, That the inspection be held from April 1 to May 15; and as most of our Conventions are held in the spring time, it would not give us time necessary to complete the work. That is why the Committee recommend that the time be extended.

You will see by reading the Inspector's report that each Corps must select some one to inspect the Corps. If the Corps wishes to be inspected by a person from another Corps, they can do so by paying the expense of same.

It is recommended by the National Inspector, as you will see by reference to this book, that the Department Inspector appoint Assistant Inspectors for Corps that have been organized within a year. That of course would be only a very limited number. The other Corps are excepted. If this recommendation is adopted the Inspector can be appointed from the Corps' own members, which will obviate that amount of expense.

Within these six weeks' time reports must be forwarded to the National Inspector. We would not like to extend that time. We think that six weeks is all that would be necessary for the various Corps to attend to this business and send in report. Is this explanation plain?

Mrs. Brown of Michigan, I would like to say, in Michigan our Department Convention is held very early, either in March or April, and it takes more than six weeks for reports to be made up and sent in. It will be impossible for the Inspector to take the reports in Michigan within six weeks of our Convention. For two years I was Department Inspector, and I know what it means. I could not begin to do it. Our Department Inspector is as prompt to respond as any Inspector I ever heard of.

Mrs. Harriet J. Bodge of Connecticut: Is there not a valuable suggestion in the President's Address, which ought to come up before this matter is disposed of?

Mrs. Geraldine F. Hood of California: Our Conventions are in February or March, and sometimes as late as April. I do not believe incoming Inspectors could find time in six weeks to arrange the work.

Mrs. Jennie M. Reavely of Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania is a large State. We have one hundred and fifty Corps, and it is im-

possible for a Department Inspector to arrange the work in so short a time. In our State, our Department Convention is always held as early as February or March, usually in February. We have a great many country Corps, and our Inspector could not arrange the work in that time.

Mrs. Myerhoff: I think the ladies are losing sight of the fact that a great majority of these Corps will be inspected by members of their own Corps.

Mrs. Wales of Massachusetts: I wish to speak upon this question. Having served as Department Inspector, I think there is not time within six weeks after the election of officers for the Inspector to become perfectly familiar with the work of inspection. We have so many Corps that I do not think it would be possible to handle the work and forward the reports to the National Inspector on time.

Flo J. Miller: I move, That this recommendation be laid upon the table until the report of the Committee on the President's Address is heard.

Mrs. Steismeier: We are at liberty to vote it down. I do not see the necessity for laying it upon the table.

Mrs. Fanny J. Ebright of Ohio: I am agreed that we should have scarcely time to get ready in six weeks.

Mrs. Miller withdrew her motion.

Mrs. Sue R. Caswell of Dakota: If the annual Convention is held in June, it would be utterly impossible for all the reports to be in by the first of July.

Mary A. Bradley moved, That the recommendation be not adopted, and that the inspection remain as at present.

Mrs. Cornelia S. Perry of Michigan: I have not heard Mrs. McHenry's motion withdrawn.

Mrs. Bradley: I made my motion in this form in order to get the matter in a form that we could dispose of it. It is just as easy to vote a motion down as to vote to adopt it. The recommendations of our National Inspector are based upon what was thought best to be done.

Mrs. McHenry: I understand that some of the ladies think this recommendation will answer for one Department, but not for

another that is differently situated. With the consent of my second I will withdraw my motion, and I move, That Recommendation No. 1 be laid upon the table until after Recommendation No. 2 has been acted upon.

Seconded by Mrs. Hood of California. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 2: Approved by Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Bradley of Illinois, seconded by Mrs. Mary L. Carr of Colorado and Mrs. Deane of Massachusetts, That the report of the Committee be not adopted. [Carried.]

It was moved by Mrs. Turner of Massachusetts, That the recommendation laid upon the table be taken up and acted upon. Seconded by Mrs. Miller. [Carried.]

Mrs. Bradley: I move, That the time of inspection remain as fixed by the last National Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Harriet Reeves of Minnesota.

Mary L. Carr: I would like to say that the time of inspection, as it was left by the Ninth National Convention, gives about one month. We have to July or August when the books are balanced, and sometimes found to be very incomplete. We have inspection from the 1st of September, 1891, to the 1st of September, 1892. Now the months of July and August have to be reported separately, or not at all. It seems to me that this is wrong. As it is now it causes a great deal of confusion. Letters have been written asking what should be done about it. It leaves the matter in bad shape. It is not proper at all. I move, That the inspection commence October 1st, or rather, I move, To amend the motion to leave the inspection as it is now, and have it commence October 1st.

Seconded by Mrs. Henderson of Colorado.

Mrs. Mary A. Cadden of Maryland: I would like to make a statement, although I come from a small State. We have some Corps that are quite a distance from the rest of us. We often have a system of excursions during the summer, and the expense of inspection is then much less than in the winter. I would like to include August if possible. Our excursions all close about the last of August, and inspections made after that time cost a great deal of money. If the inspection can be made in the sum-

mer time, it can frequently be done for twenty-five cents, while at any other time the expense would be two or three dollars. I think that is worth considering.

Delegate from Pennsylvania, who failed to give name :

I could not let this go by without saying just a word. We have one hundred and twenty-eight Corps, and you all realize that it would of course take some time to make a complete inspection. It is just as easy to look after these Corps from the first of June as it is from the first of October. You know our most beautiful weather is just before the time of this Convention, and I should be very sorry to have the month of September eliminated.

Mrs. Mary Sims of Indiana : It seems to be a very difficult matter to arrange this to suit all Departments. I think this inspection should come in the early part of the year, from April or May until the first of July. It does not seem to me that it should come earlier than that.

The motion as amended was put before the house. [Lost.]

The original motion as made by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Miss Hopkins, was then put before the house. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 3 : Approved by the Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley of Illinois, seconded by Mrs. Perry of Michigan, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Craig of Wisconsin, seconded by Mrs. Bell, To lay the recommendation upon the table.

Mrs. Bradley : I want to leave the law exactly as it is now. The only difference in the law is that the Corps pay the expenses instead of the Department.

National President : The motion now before the house is to lay this recommendation upon the table. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 4 : Approved by the Committee.

Mrs. Putnam of New York : I would like to amend that recommendation, That the Department President be allowed the privilege of naming the person who shall inspect the Corps. As it now stands, a Corps can ask for some member from another Corps and name that member. The Department President may have some reason for not wanting to send that member to that Corps.

Mrs. Turner : I think the matter of selecting the Inspectors should be left to the judgment of the Department Presi-

dent. I think she should have the privilege of naming the Inspector. I think the Department President, with the counsel of the Department Inspector, should say who shall go to make these inspections.

Mrs. Hood of California: That means that the business be transacted the same as it is now. That the present Department President of California, and the present Department Inspector, have the privilege of naming the Inspectors for the different Corps.

Mary G. Deane: I understand that is what we are doing at present—that the Department President with the Department Inspector say who shall do the work.

Mrs. Putnam: In the first line of that recommendation we read, "A Corps desiring an Inspector from another Corps." That is just it. If a Corps desire an Inspector from another Corps, shall the privilege of naming that Inspector be left with that Corps or with the Department President?

Mrs. Smith of New York: I desire to ask a question. Does this recommendation hang entirely upon that recommendation that was laid upon the table? If this recommendation is carried, the Corps will have the privilege of asking for an Inspector from another Corps. It seems to me that we cannot vote upon Recommendation No. 4 until we have disposed of Recommendation No. 3, which was laid upon the table.

Emma B. Lowd: It seems to me that this is provided for by the Rules and Regulations. As it now stands it is a dangerous precedent for us to establish. I hope this recommendation will not prevail.

Mrs. Craig: I do not like to speak too often, but the second recommendation having been lost, all other recommendations hinge upon that. Had we adopted Recommendation No. 2, we could have gone right on and considered this. What is the use of wasting our time?

Mrs. Wickins of Kansas moved, That this recommendation be laid upon the table. [Seconded and carried.]

National President instructed the Chairman to proceed with the reading of the recommendations. Chairman responded that this last motion included all of the recommendations, as they all hinged upon it, with the exception of No. 7.

Recommendation No. 7: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Carr of Colorado, seconded by Harriet J. Bodge, That the report of the Committee be adopted. [Without discussion the motion was carried.]

Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army here returned. Annie Wittenmyer as Chairman of that Committee said:—

I wish to say that I do wish this whole Convention could have looked in upon that Encampment. I was charmed. Whenever the Commander-in-Chief spoke, you might have heard a pin fall almost, all over that house. We were kept waiting a little while, as the Encampment was in the midst of a most enthusiastic discussion. We delivered the greetings of this Convention to the Grand Army. I told them that we meant to do our work and do it well; that we were attending to our business, and that we did not intend to interfere with the work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

That is about all I said, Mrs. President. I wish it were possible for me to give you the exact words of the Commander-in-Chief. He told me how glad he was at the work that was being carried on by the Woman's Relief Corps, and said that the Grand Army would stand by us in every way. He paid us some very flattering compliments and gave us to understand—in fact, he said in so many words—that we had the hearts of the Grand Army; that they would stand by and help us in our work and assist us in every possible way. I believe that is all I have to say.

Charity Rusk Craig: Mrs. President, I have only a word to say. Mrs. Wittenmyer made a speech when she presented the greetings. The Commander-in-Chief responded. He pledged their assistance. He praised the work of this Organization. He promised that the Grand Army would stand by us.

Isabelle T. Bagley: I am sure that my words are not necessary. All that Mrs. Wittenmyer and Mrs. Craig have said I can corroborate, and they have said all that I could desire to say.

Emma B. Lowd: Mrs. President, I do not feel that I can say anything that has not been said. The greetings were most ably presented by our Chairman, and her report is one that I can most heartily endorse.

National President stated that she would next hear the report of the Committee on the Report of the National Counselor, as Mrs. Agnes Hitt, Chairman, was obliged to leave Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. President: Having had the report in our hands for two weeks, and thus being able to make a thorough investigation of all points of law upon which the opinions are based, your Committee most heartily endorse the very conscientious and efficient work of the National Counselor, Emma Stark Hampton.

Believing our laws are not made for individual cases, but to govern *all*, we would especially emphasize the preliminary remarks of the report.

After conferring with the National Counselor, and with her entire consent, we recommend that the words "the Ohio" should be stricken out of opinion XXVIII., and the word "Corps" before Department and National.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

AGNES HITT,
ISABELLE T. BAGLEY,
LENORA W. HOWE,
BELLE C. HARRIS,
HARRIET J. BODGE,

Committee.

(See page 129 for Report of National Counselor.)

Moved by Clara E. Nichols of Iowa, seconded by Mrs. Miller of Illinois, That the report of the Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Emma Stark Hampton, National Counselor: Ladies, I most heartily thank you for your support. If I could say all that is in my heart, I should know how to thank you. I have spent weeks of time, and I have gone to the bottom of every question brought up in that report. I have spared no pains nor expense. I have studied everything that could in any way throw light upon the matter. I gave every detail quiet, careful and conscientious consideration. I did not think that it would be passed without a question. It makes me very glad indeed.

National President: I wish to add a few words to what Mrs. Hampton has said. A great many puzzling questions have come

to the National President this year, and I wish to thank Mrs. Hampton on behalf of the Convention for her support at all times.

The report of the Committee on National Chaplain's Report was read by Sarah C. Mink, Chairman of that Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Mrs. President: Your Committee on Chaplain's report have performed the duty assigned them and commend the same to the careful consideration of the members of this Tenth National Convention. The Committee cannot add to the eloquence and spirit of earnestness breathed throughout the report. It is concise, complete, and shows the deep interest felt by our honored National Chaplain in performing the duties of her office.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the first recommendation.

Committee endorse Recommendation No. 2.

Committee endorse Recommendation No. 3.

Committee endorse Recommendation No. 4.

Committee recommend the adoption of Recommendation No. 5.

Recommendation No. 6: Approved by Committee.

Committee further recommend that instructions issued by Clara Barton, National Chaplain, be issued to Department Chaplains.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

SARAH C. MINK,
LAURA HESS,
MARY E. WRIGHT,
MARY M. BROWN,
MARY E. INMAN,

Committee.

National President: You have heard the report as read by Mrs. Mink. What is your pleasure regarding the same?

Moved by Ida W. Moore, seconded by Flo J. Miller, That the recommendations be taken up separately and acted upon in the same manner. [Carried.]

(See page 96 for Report of National Chaplain.)

Recommendation No. 1: Endorsed by Committee. Moved by Geraldine F. Hood, and seconded, That report of the Committee be accepted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 2: Endorsed by Committee. Moved by Caroline H. Bell, seconded by Mary A. McQuiston, That report of Committee be accepted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 3: Approved by Committee. Moved by Anna Opdycke Carroll, That report of Committee be accepted.

Lizabeth A. Turner desired to know what kind of questions it referred to. Mary A. Bradley said it was her understanding that it referred to such questions as "Did the Corps take part in a body?" Chairman responded that the Committee had no further information than the Convention. That they so understood it, and acted as wisely as possible with the instructions they had. Motion seconded by Flo J. Miller. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 4: Endorsed by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Harriet Reeves of Minnesota, seconded by Geraldine F. Hood, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 5: Endorsed by Committee.

Lydia C. Hopkins: I do not understand that it is a recommendation. Does it not mean, How many graves will be decorated?

Armilla A. Cheney stated that this would involve the changing of the blanks, and desired to know what the question should be.

Mrs. Putnam: I think it would be very wise of this Convention to take some action in regard to this matter.

Abbie R. Flagg of Michigan: Resolution No. 52 will cover this matter.

Moved by Jennie M. Reavely, seconded by Sara L. Brown, To lay this recommendation upon the table until the Committee on Resolutions had reported. Mrs. Cheney stated that she would have a sample of the blanks the next day, and could then determine any question that arose. [Motion was carried.]

Recommendation No. 6: Approved by Committee.

E. Florence Barker: While we are on this subject, there is a motion that I would like to present to the Convention if in order. I move, That we, for this year at least, insert in the Journal a copy of the Memorial Day Order from each Department. [Seconded.]

Mrs. Barker explained her motion by saying that the Journal would go to every State in the land, a copy to the Grand Army; and she thought it would be a fine addition to the Journal.

Nettie Ransford: I think it is a subject that deserves some attention. I think there are several points to be considered. To add the Memorial Day circulars from each Department would considerably enlarge the Journal, which would mean additional expense for publication.

Miss Hopkins: That was what I desired to say. It seems to me worthy of consideration.

Mrs. Cheney: Mrs. President, I would like to say a few words in regard to this matter. Before you vote out any more money, I would like to read a few comparisons. I do not want to interfere with the will of the Convention; but I do not want it to vote out more money than it can afford, and I would like to give some statistics before it is decided to make any addition to the Journal.

Mrs. Barker suggested that Mrs. Cheney give the information. She added, that "The matter had been given some consideration before the motion was made."

Mrs. Cheney here read her comparisons, explaining the decrease in the funds. At the close of which she said, "Now, if we make this Journal any larger, it will not only cost more money to have it printed, but it will cost more to send it out."

Miss Hopkins: May I have the privilege of saying a few words? I understand that Mrs. Barker made the motion to cover this year only, and that her principal reason for doing so is that next year is our centennial year. We will be represented in Chicago in what we trust will be a proper and fitting way. I think Mrs. Barker intended her motion to apply to this year's work only. She wished these circulars added to the Journal of the Tenth National Convention; but did not intend that they should enter into it as a part of the proceedings of the Convention.

Mrs. Barker: The lady grasped my idea without my expressing it. I agree with Mrs. Cheney fully that if we are going to run behind in our funds, we should not incur these expenses. I am not in favor of it myself if we cannot afford it.

Emma B. Lowd: Cannot this motion be disposed of without further discussion? It seems to me that it would be an unwise precedent to establish.

Mrs. Barker: The motion was only for this year: it did not include any other year.

Nettie Ransford: It would be a bad precedent to establish. I do not think it would be wise.

Mrs. Barker: If I had known the condition of the Treasury, or had had time to read the report as I should have done before I made the motion, I should have hesitated. I dislike very much to have it go on record that I wished to do a thing which we could not afford. I will withdraw the motion with the consent of my second. [Motion withdrawn.]

The report of Committee on National Junior Vice-President's Report was presented by Mrs. Emma B. Manchester of Nebraska, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. President: Your Committee on National Junior Vice-President's Report respectfully submit the following:—

Having carefully read her report, we heartily commend her earnest work, and as no recommendations appear we cheerfully recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

EMMA B. MANCHESTER,
AUGUSTA B. HAMMOND,
LIZZIE R. HERRICK,
JOSEPHINE B. LEWIS,
JENNIE L. JONES,

Committee.

(See page 59 for Report of National Junior Vice-President.)

National President: What shall be done with the report of the Committee?

Moved by Nettie Ransford, seconded by Mary J. Train, That the report be accepted. [Carried.]

Question came up as to whether an evening session would be held. Moved by Caroline H. Bell, seconded by Flo J. Miller, That when the Convention adjourned at 6 P.M., it would be until tomorrow, 9 A.M. sharp. [Carried.]

The Report of Committee on National Secretary's Report was presented by Charity Rusk Craig, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Tenth National Convention: Your Committee on Secretary's Report submit the following:—

We find much to admire and nothing to criticise. We commend its brevity, and especially recommend the form of its tabulated statement as giving a clear report of the *present* condition and growth of our Order.

The report shows the untiring labor and devotion the Secretary brought to the work of her office. We recommend the adoption of the Report.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

CHARITY RUSK CRAIG,
MARY E. KNOWLES,
EMILY V. LITTLEFIELD,
SARAH E. RUNNELLS,
MATTIE S. EHRLMAN,

Committee.

(See page 60 for National Secretary's Report.)

National President: What is the pleasure of the Convention?

Moved by Caroline H. Bell, seconded by Flo J. Miller, That the report be accepted. [Carried.]

Moved by Cora Day Young, That the Convention proceed to the election of officers at 9 A.M. the following day. Upon learning that this was the hour for which the meeting was called, and at the President's suggestion that the business of the morning be first cleared up, she changed the hour to 11 A.M.

Seconded by Mrs. Colgan of Virginia.

Mrs. Young, in explanation of her motion, said:—

A great many of the delegates are obliged to leave for home, and they would like to have the privilege of voting for the new officers before they go. I think it is very important that they be allowed that privilege. The election of officers is one of the most important things to come before the Convention, and if we postpone the matter much later we shall have so small a Convention that we shall not know whom to elect. I think we can better afford to let some of the reports wait than to delay the election of officers. The delegates should have some voice as to who is to handle the work for the coming year.

Augusta A. Wales: I wish to say a few words in regard to this. I understand it has been voted to adjourn at six o'clock and hold no evening session. A great many of the delegates are intending to leave Washington tonight. We have come here for the purpose of transacting business, and the election of officers is one of the most important matters.

The lady was advised by the National President that a motion was before the house, That the election of officers take place at eleven o'clock the following day.

Mrs. Young's motion was carried.

A letter was read from the Superintendent of the Colored Orphans' Home in South Carolina, asking for aid.

Moved by Charity Rusk Craig, seconded by Lydia C. Hopkins, That letter be accepted, that the delegates and others present take the name of the writer and his address, and that they act upon the matter on their return to their homes. [Carried.]

The Assistant Secretary was instructed by the National President to communicate this action to the writer, also to post his address in the Convention Hall for the information of delegates.

Lizabeth A. Turner presented a petition from Deep Creek, Virginia. A colored woman had been burned out and desired aid. She stated that she would receive any contributions that the ladies might be willing to make, and would see that the money reached the family, adding, "It would take only a very small sum of money to replace what this poor woman has lost," and also added that the Secretary had a letter in reference to the matter.

Mrs. Roland of Ohio desired to present to the National President, Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton of Ohio, Matron of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home. Mrs. Plimpton was escorted to the platform and presented to the Convention by the National President, as follows:—

Ladies: I wish to present Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton, Past National Secretary, and at present Matron of the Woman's Relief Corps Home in Ohio.

Mrs. Plimpton addressed the Convention, as follows: A few days ago, while thinking of the National Convention to be held here, I felt that I should like to look into your dear faces; but having a large family at home I did not expect to be able to meet you. I do not wish to say more than a few words. I will only say that I wish every one of you could visit the National Woman's Relief Corps Home. You have some idea of what we have accomplished from the reading of the report of last year. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to visit the Home, and you may be assured of a hearty welcome. [Applause.]

National President (at the conclusion of Mrs. Plimpton's remarks): According to a motion made, this Convention now stands adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9.25 A.M., Friday, Sept. 23. Opening Ode sung. The National Chaplain being absent, Sarah E. Fuller was asked to lead in prayer.

Convention was declared open for the transaction of business.

Annie Wittenmyer asked to have members of the Press Committee report at her table.

National President announced that a delegation was at the door asking admittance, and instructed the Committee on Courtesies to conduct them to the hall.

Mrs. Moore of Kansas presented the Department Commander of Colorado, Comrade Kennedy and Staff, and was instructed to escort them to the platform, where they were introduced by the National President.

Comrade Kennedy: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Tenth National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps: We know that you are a busy body of women — that is, that you are loaded down with business. We do not come here to take your time, for we feel that by no words that we could utter could we express our congratulations, our confidence, our pride in your work. We know of your work. Every old soldier knows more or less of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps. It would require hours to express our sentiments of love and esteem for the loyal work which you are now doing and have done. We come merely to bid you God-speed; and there are prayers already going up that your deliberations and your work here in this Convention will be harmonious, that it will overflow with good feeling, and that you will go away from here conscious of having received inspiration for the performance of the arduous and trying duties during the year that is to come. We simply say to you, "God bless the noble women of the Woman's Relief Corps!"

Comrade Brown was next introduced to the Convention, and asked to make a few remarks. He spoke as follows: "Mrs. President, we are glad to greet you today; we are glad to say of this organization known as the Woman's Relief Corps, 'We have the best organization in the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.' We have there, members not only thoroughly imbued with the principles of your Order, but they are members, attending to their business three hundred and sixty-five days in a year. That is something I say to the credit of the women who came all the way from our Department. There was perhaps a little sentiment about making this trip. We are here to tell you what we think of your work and your Order, and that no one is better informed than the comrades who are daily coming in contact with the work of the Woman's Relief Corps. Ladies, I thank you for the time given me. I hope you will hurry through with your business, and let us take our girls home with us."

Comrade Addison was next introduced, and spoke as follows: "Ladies, I esteem it one of the greatest privileges of my life to stand

before this body of ladies. Here are representatives of the largest body of willing workers that this land has known, doing all they can to assist the comrades. I look into your faces this morning and am forcibly reminded that you are the ones who in those dark days from '61 to '65 were loyal and who bade us go. You are the friends who have been with us all along through this ever-changing life, you are the friends who are with us in life today, and who will close our eyes in death, and after death you will see that our graves are not neglected or forgotten. God bless the Woman's Relief Corps!"

An officer of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R. (name not given), was next introduced to the Convention, and spoke as follows: "Ladies, I am glad to be with you this morning. My embarrassment forbids me attempting to address you at any length. I will say that I am not surprised to see so many fine-looking ladies in the Relief Corps. Every one of the comrades are aware that we must look forward to the time when we will be no more, when we will be numbered with the silent dead, and our graves must be kept green. We are passing away. We came here with the expectation of meeting many of the soldiers' wives. It is almost like looking over this audience and saying, 'They are our daughters.' Looking over this audience so full of youth reminds me that when we shall have passed away our graves will be kept green. God bless the ladies of the Relief Corps. Your Organization commands our respect, admiration and love, because we cannot help it."

National President: I wish to assure this delegation from Colorado and Wyoming that they have not received the applause they would, had our Convention not been instructed to refrain from applause during the Convention. The ladies have been very quiet in this matter, and I wish now they would applaud in accordance with their feelings. [Applause here was hearty and long.]

The National President here observed Mrs. Anderson of Colorado, and asked if she wished to speak. She replied that she would like to get a look at the Department Commander of Colorado, as he was an old friend.

The greeting between the Commander and Mrs. Anderson was most cordial and enthusiastic; and as Mrs. Anderson accom-

panied the delegation to the door, with the Committee on Courtesies, Mrs. Carr of Colorado desired to make a few remarks, which were as follows:—

The lady that arose to meet these comrades is our Past Department President, Mrs. Anderson. She has been living for the past two years in the city of Omaha. When she was with us in Colorado she was a very warm friend of the G. A. R. They thought they had not such another friend; and it was a surprise to see her great good-natured face; and it was no wonder that they rushed down to see her, not knowing she was here or expecting to see her this morning. Do not think that we are all so ill-bred that we do not know how to act; for we do, although we are from the wild and woolly West.

Lizabeth A. Turner responded, That it was one of the prettiest and most cordial things that had happened in the Convention; and this seemed to be the sentiment of all present.

National President: Records of previous session were offered, but by common consent were deferred for reports of committees.

The Committee on President's Address being ready to report, the gavel was transferred to Margaret R. Wickins, Senior Vice-President, to preside during the report of this Committee.

Visiting members were asked to take seats in the gallery.

Abbie Lynch, as Chairman of the Committee, read the report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. President: Your Committee appointed on the Address of National President respectfully submit the following report:—

We have carefully and conscientiously reviewed the very able and interesting address, and congratulate the National President on the success which has attended her efforts for our Order during the year, for the wisdom which has characterized her methods and the impartial and just rendering of the law.

We approve the recommendation that another and larger edition of the Red Book be published to meet the demand.

We agree with the suggestions relative to inspection, but they are passed over, as they are covered by report of Inspector.

We believe that the decision promulgated in General Orders No. 6, remanding the Provisional Department of Virginia to

Detached Corps, was wise, and for the best interest of the colored members of the Order, and recommend that the action of the President be sustained.

In regard to the payment of the bills contracted by the Canton Court of Inquiry, your Committee, believing that the same law which governs Corps should govern Departments, fully concur in the decision that said bills should be paid by the Department of Ohio, and recommend that said decision be sustained.

We are in sympathy with the recommendation that a vote of thanks be extended to the able Committee who have had in charge the building and furnishing of the Ohio Cottage.

We approve the suggestion that the sum remaining in the Jensie Wells Fund be kept intact, to assist Mrs. Wells in establishing a home in case of her husband's release from prison.

We most heartily endorse the action relating to Special Orders.

We cannot express too strongly our approval of the action of the National President in carrying out the instructions of the Ninth Convention relative to Potomac Corps, and we most earnestly recommend that this Convention sustain her rulings.

Recommendation No. 1: Approved.

Recommendation No. 2: Your Committee most heartily approve and recommend its adoption entire, with a rising vote of thanks to the efficient Pension Committee, who have performed their work in such a satisfactory and able manner.

Recommendation No. 3: Approved.

Recommendation No. 4: Approved.

Recommendation No. 5: A verbal statement having been made, that the property has been purchased, your committee did not deem it necessary to consider the recommendation.

Recommendation No. 6: Not approved.

Recommendations Nos. 7 and 8: Approved.

Recommendation No. 9: Covered by report of Counselor, which has already been acted upon and accepted.

Recommendations Nos. 10 and 11: Approved.

Recommendation No. 12: Most heartily approved.

Recommendation No. 13: Your committee do not approve of this recommendation as it stands, believing that the superintendent should be elected instead of appointed by this Convention, and we would therefore recommend that the word "elect" take the place of the word "appoint" in the first line, and that it be adopted by the Convention.

Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17: Approved.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ABBIE LYNCH,
HENRIETTA STEISMEIER,
MARY E. LEAVENS,
CLARA E. NICHOLS,
AMANDA B. TISDEL,

Committee.

It was moved by Annie Wittenmyer, seconded by Nettie Ransford, That it be taken up separately and each recommendation voted upon in that manner. [Motion prevailed.]

Mrs. Wickins referred to the officers' reports, instructing delegates to keep their copies to enable them to act intelligently upon the recommendations. A great many of the delegates claimed to have none. Mrs. Cobean made a statement that when the Convention first met, there was a number sufficient for all delegates. They had been distributed, and she thought the parties who had been furnished ought to know what had become of them. That a number of copies had been left in the other church, it being impossible to have them moved when Convention adjourned late last night. She did not know what had become of them.

Mrs. Hendricks stated that everything had been moved from the other church.

Mrs. Wickins asked visiting members who had copies to please turn them over to delegates, that intelligent voting might be done.

Recommendation of National President regarding Red Book approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bell of Wisconsin, seconded by Mrs. Littlefield of Maine, That the recommendation of Committee be approved. [Carried.]

In reference to General Order No. 6, Committee recommend, That the action of the National Council be sustained. Moved by Mrs. Cheney, seconded by Mrs. Colgan of Virginia, That the recommendation of Committee be adopted.

Sarah C. Mink said they would like to vote intelligently, but were unable to do so, not knowing what subject was under discussion. Mrs. Wickins made reply that it was that of "Colored Corps," page 35, President's Address.

Mrs. Sanders here made a statement in reference to the promulgation of General Order No. 6.

The recommendation of the committee in sustaining the action of the National President in remanding the Provisional Department of Virginia to Detached Corps, was again read.

Augusta A. Wales asked for information, saying: What are we doing? This seems to be an important thing to us. How many Detached Corps are there?

Mrs. Wickins asked the National Secretary to furnish the information.

National Secretary: There are fourteen in Virginia.

Mrs. Wales wished to know how many delegates were present in Convention representing same?

Margaret R. Wickins: Six of those Corps are represented here by Corps Presidents. National Secretary, will you please make a statement about this matter, as to how it was understood at National Headquarters.

National Secretary: Just before the Ninth National Convention the Provisional Department of Virginia was formed by Mrs. McHenry, as an experiment, with Mrs. Sample, Corps 9, as Provisional Department President. Owing to ill health, it was impossible for her to attend to the duties of that office during the first quarter. It necessitated considerable correspondence for the National Secretary and it was finally thought best, under direction of the National President, to have the Corps report direct to National Headquarters, which they did. The second quarter it was the same. Some reported to me, some to Mrs. Sample. It caused a great amount of correspondence, and we found it impossible to get correct reports. Mrs. Sample asked to be relieved of the report of the second quarter. After much correspondence in regard to the matter, it was found much more satisfactory to the Provisional Department President to have the reports sent to National Headquarters. It caused much extra work at National Headquarters to have them report as a Provisional Department. It was, therefore,

thought best to remand them to Detached Corps, which has proven very satisfactory, not only to the Provisional Department President, but to Corps Presidents themselves. They have reported during the entire year to National Headquarters.

Mrs. Cheney: Working with the National Secretary in connection with her work on these reports, I most heartily endorse all she has said.

Mrs. Craig: I am in favor of sustaining the action of the Committee upon this.

Mrs. McHenry: I take great pride in remembering that the recommendation of our Secretary in regard to this long, voluminous report has lessened the work of our Secretary, and that she is able to attend to these reports of Detached Corps. During my administration it was nearly impossible to do the work. I desired to give the Provisional Department of Virginia an opportunity to show their capability. I tried it, hoping and trusting that they would be able to do their work in the manner of a Provisional Department, and thus relieve National Headquarters of as much as possible. I heartily concur in the recommendation of the Committee in sustaining the President. [Recommendation adopted.]

Committee recommended that a vote of thanks be extended to the able Committee which had in charge the furnishing of the Ohio Cottage. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Wales, That recommendation be adopted. [Carried.]

The Committee approved the recommendation of the National President that the sum remaining from the Jemie Wells Fund be kept intact. Moved by Mrs. Perry, seconded by Mrs. Brown of Michigan, That this recommendation be adopted. [Carried.]

Committee most heartily endorse the action of National President relating to Special Orders. Moved by Mrs. Bradford of Illinois, seconded by Mrs. Pauline Gibson of Tennessee, That recommendation of Committee be approved. [Carried.]

Committee approve the action of National President in carrying out instructions of the Ninth National Convention relative to Potomac Corps, and recommend that this Convention sustain her ruling.

Moved by Mrs. Ransford of Indiana, seconded by Mrs. Sallie Jackson of Indiana, That the recommendation of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Sherwood wished to offer a substitute in place of the recommendation of the Committee. Mrs. Wittenmyer responded that it was quite unprecedented for a substitute to be offered before the question was discussed, and would like to call Mrs. Sherwood's attention to that. Mrs. Sherwood did not wish to make an amendment, she wanted to offer a substitute.

Mrs. Henrietta Steismeier of Missouri: I would like to say a few words. We cannot be too careful, I think, in knowing what was done or ought to be done with a Corps that will not comply with the rules of our Order. I do not find special legislation necessary. I think what is done in one Department should be done in another. Let us have Potomac Corps with us, with good feeling. Let us have them in that Department.

Mrs. Mary E. Knowles of Massachusetts: I do not think the lady is talking to the question.

Mrs. Sherwood: You are straining a point. This is antagonistic to the report of the Committee. I simply went a little further.

Mrs. Wickins: What is the pleasure of the Convention?

Mrs. Wittenmyer: It is reported to me on good authority, Mrs. President, that there are persons not voting members seated in these seats. Were they not ordered to the gallery?

Mrs. Wickins: Each President of the delegation is responsible for the legal seating of her delegation.

Mrs. Barker: I consider the election of the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps one of the most important things that we have to do; but I have, as a Past officer of this Organization, seated myself and allowed all this discussion and counting and changing and providing the different delegations with seats, to go on, without a protest; but I do not consider that we are legally voting upon these subjects. The roll call of Convention has never been called. I want to go on record as protesting against this organization being allowed to conduct its work in such a way. Every Corps in this Order is obliged to comply with this rule before it can work. Are we setting a good example, as a National organization, to go on and vote upon the third day without calling the roll?

Emma Stark Hampton: As a member of this organization

Mrs. Moore : Can we have the indulgence of the Convention to allow Mother Bickerdyke to be seated here. We would like it exceedingly.

Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, That Mother Bickerdyke be excepted and be conducted to the platform. [This was done.]

Mrs. Hampton (proceeding) : As I remember it, roll call has been asked for a number of times during the different sessions of this Convention, and every time something else has been ordered done ; I think we should favor having it.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Hampton's remarks, Mrs. Mink of New York stated that one of their army nurses was sitting with their delegation, and asked that she be allowed a seat on the platform. She was conducted to the platform.

California also asked that privilege in regard to one of her army nurses. Granted.

Mrs. Nichols of Iowa stated that they had two army nurses in their delegation. Mrs. Wickins said it was her desire that the army nurses should have all the respect that was due them. Those from Iowa were voting members and were therefore properly seated.

Here the question arose as to how many were voting members, and how it should be determined.

Augusta A. Wales : I beg to say that the roll call of the Ninth National Convention was not called until just previous to the election of officers. This saved the long roll call until just before that time, when it was especially desired that the Convention be legally seated in order that the voting might be done.

Mrs. Wittenmyer : Only persons entitled to vote should be sitting with these delegations. I move, That the room be cleared of others. The Chairman of each delegation knows who is entitled to vote in her delegation.

Mrs. Hampton : I think the roll call should be had before the election of officers, which I understand is to take place at this session of our meeting. It would not take any longer to do it now and have it done. It is a part of the order of business.

Mrs. Ransford : I think it is unnecessary to record our vote until the time for verification. As Mrs. Wales states, it takes too much time. We do not need it until verification for election.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I move, That the roll call of States be given by the Secretary, and that each Chairman become responsible for her delegation. Those who are members not seated with their delegations, seat themselves at once. Seconded by Mrs. Hampton.

Mrs. Carroll of Ohio desired that all who wore delegates' badges rise when the name of the State was called, so the Chairman of the delegation would know how to report them.

Mrs. Barker: I made this request for the calling of the roll, and would suggest that the Chairman of the delegation respond for her delegation.

Mrs. Wickins: We are now asking the Presidents of the various Departments to do this if we vote.

Mrs. Smith of New York: I want to ask for information. When the Secretary calls the roll by States, will it become necessary for each Chairman of a delegation when their name is called to answer for her delegation? Suppose a delegation has not enough room to seat itself. Will it be necessary to move farther back and give those in front sufficient room?

Mrs. Wittenmyer: It was included in my motion that as the Departments are called, the whole delegation will rise and the Chairman of the delegation will report the number; and if there is anybody that has not sufficient room, they will announce it.

A delegate remarked: I understand when the roll is called by States, the delegation will rise and the Chairman will ascertain how many delegates she has and so report.

Mrs. Turner: Are not a great many delegates absent on committee work? Should they not be notified?

Mrs. Wickins: Unless the Chairmen know how many they have and retain seats for them.

Mrs. Craig: If there are no objections, I should like to have the Messengers repair to the Committee Rooms, and request all Committees to report to the Convention hall, that they may be legally seated. All the Messengers go, so that it may be quickly done.

Sarah E. Fuller: May I ask for a decision in point of law? It is surely time the question was asked in this Convention as to the privileges of voting. Is the voting badge of this Order the same? We have received repeated instructions from National

Headquarters in reference to this question; but I should like to have a ruling of this matter in this Convention. Are the gold badges — the presentation badges — regarded as official badges — that is, as official badges of the Order, or should each officer also wear the official badge of the Order? This same question has been asked me, whether the National Officers, Past Department Presidents and others, are lawfully voting with only their gold badges on, or should they also wear the official badge? Mrs. President, I would ask for a decision — for the law — as to this question of official badges.

Mrs. Wickins: As I understand it, the bronze badge is the official badge. I take great pleasure in wearing my gold badge as presented me; but my understanding is that I am not officially clothed unless I wear my bronze badge. Perhaps I am not correct; but that has always been my understanding of the law.

Mrs. Craig: I move, That the ladies be allowed to vote without the bronze badge; that is, that they be excused from wearing it for the present. [Seconded.]

Mrs. Steismeier: I would like to ask if all of our delegates have received a bronze badge: I mean a badge of the W. R. C.?

Mrs. Wittenmyer: This is a delegate's badge. Nobody else has a right to wear it.

Original motion, as made by Mrs. Wittenmyer, finally put. [Carried.]

It was moved by Cora Day Young, seconded by Mrs. Burleigh, That the Convention proceed to roll call and election of officers.

Mrs. Sherwood: There is a motion before the house, to which I desire to offer a substitute.

Mrs. Wickins desired that the Convention proceed to seat itself, stating that this motion changed matters entirely. That no motion was necessary, and asked if the maker would withdraw it.

Mrs. Young withdrew the motion, but added that she wanted to proceed at once with the roll call and election, and again started to present her motion.

Mrs. Wickins commanded that the Convention properly seat itself and prepare for roll call. She then instructed the Convention in regard to voting members, saying the Chairman of each delegation would be responsible for her delegation.

As roll call proceeded, question came up as to the right of a lady from Oklahoma to vote.

Some one (name not given) said: May I be permitted to make a statement from personal knowledge? It is the case brought up by Mrs. Jones, Past Corps President of Oklahoma. Report has come to me from the Comrades in reference to that Department. It was impossible for the President of that Corps to come. They elected Mrs. Jones delegate.

It was moved by Flo J. Miller, seconded by Henrietta Steismeier, That the lady present from Oklahoma be allowed the privilege of voting. [Carried.]

At conclusion of roll call, Mary A. Bradley moved, That we proceed with the report of the Committee on the President's Address.

Lizabeth A. Turner: I move, That the balance of the report of the Committee on the President's Address be allowed to wait.

Charity Rusk Craig: A motion was made last year, That the Report be taken up while counting the ballots for election of officers. This matter of the Potomac Corps was taken up during the election last year; and this year let us wait until the matter of election of officers is fully over.

Mrs. Steismeier: I want to know if we only came here to elect officers, or to do the business of the Organization. We came here for business — or at least I did, and I hope the election of officers will wait until the Report of the Committee on the President's Address has been heard in full.

Mrs. Turner said she made her motion at the request of several delegates who had to go home at two o'clock that afternoon.

Mrs. Barker: I consider that this question presents strong argument. I am in favor of taking up the President's Address. Our President and our officers have worked a year for this Order; and it is only courtesy to them, and just to them, that we hear their reports. The election of officers is to provide for the coming year. The ladies who are to be elected have their year's work before them. We have to plan for next year's work. The way to accomplish this is to begin by the election of officers. Each side is entitled to a hearing. For my part I do not believe in giving up the time this morning to one side, and not giving the other

a little. We have heard the delightful tributes, and have seen the beautiful presents given to our President, and are glad that we had a part in it. It took time from the President's Address. It is true that we voted to elect officers at eleven o'clock. There are delegates here who are entitled to the privilege of voting for these officers, and they must go home. On the other hand, these ladies here are members of this Organization who will, I am sure, want to hear this Report. I beg of you, ladies, to consider the President's Address which is before you, and let the election wait.

Mrs. Sherwood: I concur in Mrs. Barker's views.

Mrs. Craig: I do not think it will be beneficial to any of us to proceed with the election of officers at present. I am in favor of continuing the President's Address.

Mrs. Young: I believe, before we adjourned last night we made a special order of business, that the election would take place at eleven o'clock this morning. I want to proceed to the election of officers.

Jennie B. Howison of Illinois: There seems to be a misunderstanding in regard to the division of the Potomac Corps. It ought to be made plain, I think. There are three divisions, it seems. Maybe our President will explain that.

Mrs. Wickins: Perhaps there is one point about this matter that is not understood. We are on this subject that is contained in the President's Address.

Mrs. Hampton: This subject came before the Fifth National Convention, and has been agitated at every Convention from its first appearance. It seems to me a question so important that it should not be voted upon and left over after it has been taken up and partially argued; neither should it be brought up for consideration between the election of officers or anything else. This matter will only consume just so much time. The question is, shall that time be taken up now; and if it is, can it be taken up without confusion? Our President has had to call you to order many times. On the slightest provocation, and indeed sometimes without provocation, you begin to buzz. I can designate it by no other word. If you would only respect your law and your President, the business could be handled with much more satisfaction and rapidity. If there is anything you want to know, or some little question you

have in mind, then you can fix your mind upon it. Is it worth while coming so far if we cannot transact our business properly? You have no idea how much talking and confusion there is. I have felt badly many times when the ladies have had to get up and beg that we go on with our business. You have lost hours today just because we could not get on. In calling the roll — one of the things in which you were interested — the Secretary was interrupted at least three or four times. I dislike to call your attention to this; as it is, you are losing time; as long as we have the business before us, we ought to try to get through with it. Potomac Corps has come before us so many times, it would be a relief to get it off our hands. Now, if we will all keep still, it will take only a little while to get through with the President's Address; and we can then get to something else.

Mrs. Wickins: I desire to state the matter as I understand it. We are upon the Report of the Committee upon the President's Address. The motion made was that we begin that work where we left off. It was then decided that we could not legally vote, and motion was made and carried, That we call the roll of Convention.

Mrs. Barker here brought up the matter of election of officers, stating that it was to have occurred at eleven o'clock.

Mrs. Wickins: Is it eleven o'clock?

It was discovered to be past that hour; and Mrs. Wickins remarked, The hour having passed the motion is void.

Mrs. Young stated that at just eleven o'clock she called the attention of the Convention to the fact.

Mrs. Sherwood: We had a motion yesterday which prevailed. It was that we should proceed to the election of officers. The motion first specified nine o'clock as the hour; but as that was the hour at which the Convention was called, Mrs. Young deferred the same until eleven o'clock. I favored this because I thought if we came here and got down to business, we could handle the President's Address at least and be ready at eleven o'clock to proceed to the election of officers. I think, Mrs. President, under the action of the Convention yesterday, we could not legally have proceeded until this report had been accepted.

Mary A. Bradley moved, seconded by Flo J. Miller, That the Convention reconsider the motion that we proceed to the election of officers. [Carried.]

Mrs. Steismeier: I hope the ladies will in this instance allow it to pass, so that we can get through with the President's Address first.

Mrs. Hampton: I move that we proceed to the election of officers when the officers' reports have been acted upon. Seconded by Mrs. Cheney. [Carried.]

Moved, That the Convention adjourn until 1.30 P.M.

Mrs. Wickins: Ladies, there is an objection to this. We have just seated this Convention in legal form to vote. We will now proceed with the report of the Committee on the President's Address. The Chairman of that Committee will take up the report where she left off.

National President: Ladies, this is a question of vital importance to you. It is positively necessary that you give your undivided attention to my report that we may intelligently decide it. I beg that you will be quiet.

Chairman now proceeded: The Committee approve the action of the National President in carrying out the instructions of the Ninth National Convention relative to Potomac Corps, and recommend that this Convention sustain her ruling.

Mrs. Wickins: The question is before you for remarks. At this stage we stopped to take the roll call of Convention. We are now ready to proceed.

Mrs. Sherwood: I would ask, that I might present a substitute for the report of the Committee.

Mary A. Bradley: I would move, That the substitute report be laid upon the table. [Seconded by Mrs. Bradford of Illinois. Carried.]

Nettie Ransford: I see no reason why it is brought here. If our National President acted in accordance with the law and instructions of the Ninth National Convention, we should thank her for doing her duty, and then decide the whole business.

Mrs. Bradley moved the previous question.

Mrs. Sherwood arose to a point of order, which was that the lady was not speaking to the question. "This substitute which I wish to offer does support the National President. We believe she would"

Mrs. Wickins: It is now not subordinate. That has been the position; but it has passed. The question stands just like this: We do sustain the National President. We could not vote against the report of the Committee. We do want to go a little farther. The Ninth National Convention imposed a very grave duty. We all thought that she had done her best to bring Potomac Corps into the Department. These women of the Ninth National Convention said, "It is your duty to treat this Order carefully and conscientiously, and bring the matter to an end." The question is very clear to me.

Mrs. Sherwood: We want to endorse the National President.

Mary Sears McHenry: If we vote to accept the report of the Committee, we vote to sustain the National President. Does this forbid any resolution looking to an effort to bring the Corps into the Department of the Potomac?

Mrs. Sanders desired to answer this question: "In my judgment it would be prohibited."

Mrs. Wickins: As I understand it, we are now adopting the Report of the Committee upon the President's Address. Further work upon the matter may be considered as the privilege of this Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood: With that understanding, I vote with pleasure for the report of the Committee.

Augusta A. Wales: This is a very important matter. I hope it will not be passed. It has received National reputation. It is not just that we who do not understand it should settle it. I hope we will soon overcome the difficulties and that they will meet as women should under the proper Department President. Let us have the facts in this case, so that a careful discussion may be had.

Lydia C. Hopkins: May I ask that the report of the Committee be read before a vote is taken. [It was again read.]

Mrs. Steismeier: I would like to say what I think upon this subject. I am asking an indulgence of the Convention. I would like to say that, as Mrs. Hampton stated, this matter has been up before every Convention since the Fifth National. At the last Convention the matter was placed in the hands of our National President; and I am in hopes that this Convention will settle it without any further resolutions.

Caroline H. Bell: It was I think expressed as an opinion, that if we voted to support the report of the Committee it would in no way interfere with further action in regard to taking up the matter? Are we right in not allowing Potomac Corps to come into the Order? I met their President last year and I begged of that lady to come in right, to form a Potomac Post, to get their husbands to come in as Potomac Post, which would thus settle it. All she said was that they would think it over. She did not know. I beg that this Convention will express this opinion before voting. I am in favor of allowing an effort to be made during this Convention to have the matter settled. We have had it before us for six years. I have lain awake a great part of the time all night hoping and praying that Potomac Corps might be allowed to come into the Department and under the rules of our Order. I have not spoken since I have been here to one member. I have not spoken to one of the Potomac Corps, although there were one or two members in that Corps whom I love dearly. I beg you will decide this matter.

Annie Wittenmyer: It is due the National President that I make a very brief statement. In my opinion as I was delegated to do some things here during the time I was in Washington, I did not let much of this go by without knowing what was going on. In my opinion our National President did everything she could to bring this Corps into line and harmony with our Organization. I talked with many of these ladies upon the question; and many of them I appreciate very highly as women. I love many of them. I love this Organization more. I wanted them brought into regular line, so as to stop this controversy. At my earnest request the National President gave me this opportunity. I made this statement to them to give them another chance. She has given them chance after chance; but they have not accepted it, to my surprise and sorrow. The National President agreed officially to restore their charter on condition that they would be transferred from the Department G. A. R. to the Department W. R. C., and transfer their charter, on condition that they would take the earliest opportunity to become auxiliary to a Post, as all of our other Organizations did. I know what I say. This agreement was made officially.

Mrs. Sanders: Mrs. President, Mrs. Wittenmyer has stated the facts. I have letters on file which will corroborate same. In order to carry this out and make everything as easy as possible

for Potomac Corps, I asked the Comrades to organize a Post, and secure the privilege of calling their Post the "Potomac Post," so that this Corps, if it should become its auxiliary, might retain the old name.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: The National President has been very patient with this Corps; she has reasoned with them. The Comrades urged them to come in. They refused to do so. That Corps could have been auxiliary to a Post which started in with forty charter members. They had the privilege — every one of them — of securing transfers and going to that or any other if they wished to go. I am in favor of taking action. We cannot restore their charter. We cannot have two Potomac Corps in this Department of Potomac.

Mrs. Fuller: I have only a word first to preface what I wish to say. May I ask the indulgence of this Convention to remember that I have not heard a word of the debate on this subject from the floor. I am obliged to hear from the platform. I understand this matter is before us for expressing an opinion. I only ask you to bear with me if I do not speak direct to the question. In the fulness of my heart in speaking of this question, I hardly know where to begin. I know efforts have been made to bring this Corps in. But I know that no effort has been made that was strong enough to bring them in. I read somewhere in the good book that tells us how to shape our actions and our lives, that they tried seventy times seven times. So we will have a little more patience, take greater pains, and try to get this Corps back into the W. R. C. It has been my privilege to occupy the position of National President. I organized the Corps of which you question the legality. That cuts me — it hurts me, I assure you. It can but affect me. It affects every succeeding administration since the Third. You slander the power of our Order to make special laws for its own government. There was a recommendation in the Fourth National Convention that it should be organized Auxiliary to Department of the Potomac. It was distinctly stated. There was one little mistake in our President's Report. They did not want to be auxiliary to any four Posts — that was a mistake. Application was made, and charter granted in the City of Washington. This Corps then made application to become Auxiliary to the Department G. A. R. This was refused them, with recommendation

of the National President, to the National Convention, under conditions which were presented to them from the G. A. R. The members of this Corps doing the relief work of that Department were to become a Corps, as others in the organization. That recommendation was passed; the papers pertaining to the matter were put into my hands, for the information of our National Department. It was impossible to get a Corps report from any member, the Secretary or Treasurer. Then a recommendation was adopted, giving the National President authority to get the charter. At the Fifth National Convention we received her report of her work, and gave her a vote of thanks for so doing. Each succeeding year has received its representative's report upon that same matter. But when you come to slander the legality of that Corps, you do so at the expense and cast a reflection upon every National Convention since the Third. When I read in the quiet of my sick-room at home the report of the work performed, I felt that you voted as shown by the legislation in the past, because it was not clearly understood by the delegation. Now, ladies, what are we all to do? What did you do when they voted at Detroit? You directed the National President to take this matter up, and voted that you would give her all the support that you could. You placed upon her the responsibility of placing that Corps in the Department of the Potomac. There was no Potomac Post at that time. Could you put that Corps into the Department of the Potomac? You have in the meantime revoked its charter, because it had a National Charter, with the signature of the Post Commander. That charter the Department President and the Department Secretary could not revoke. Does it not show that you asked the Department instead to revoke that charter, only to put that Corps into the Department of the Potomac. So much for all that — for the authority and the legality of that Corps. Let me say here that it is without the slightest personality, prejudice or preference that I make these remarks; for I honor and respect the Potomac Woman's Relief Corps — every one of the sisters — for the loyal work they have done. It is a fact that this Potomac Corps matter has required special legislation by the supreme body; and that Corps is now set aside and turned out of our Order (I speak in reference to General Orders issued by the National President). This is a body of women to vote and to legislate for the benefit of our

Order. You are granted that under your laws. It is the privilege of the National Convention. We feel the force of all this argument. We feel the need of sustaining our reputation. We feel the need of retaining the good name of our Organization in the Grand Army of the Republic. Then there is another point, the abuse of this Corps for the sake of special legislation. Every new Corps needs special legislation. We need special legislation right here in this Convention. I have here a badge representing a Past National office which has never been filled; but we are here by special legislation. It does not seem to me that we realize this situation. I have thought much upon the subject since I have come here to the city of Washington. We want to do what is for the good of the Order. I trust that whatever is done with Potomac Corps, that we shall vote as a body of intelligent Christian women, and shall comply with the rules of our Order. One step more. For months past I have thought upon this subject and have prayed over it. We feel the responsibility of it. This is a great question. It has been the subject of much discussion. It has been the subject of orders issued from National Headquarters. It has been discussed by the Comrades in every Department and every Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. I received a letter of five pages about two weeks ago; and among other things it said, "When you go into that National Convention, I warn you that upon the legislation of that Convention depends much of the future." We have had in the past such vacillating legislation, that I do hope this Convention will act upon the matter. What are you going to do with Potomac Corps after you have taken its charter away? This is a pertinent question — a logical question.

Mrs. Craig: Ladies of the Convention, I wish only to speak as I understand the subject from my study of the laws of this Order. The Convention at St. Louis passed an order approving the National President's work. They also passed this law, that a charter could be transferred from one Post to another, and that the members could take transfers from Post to Post. They can have transfers to any Post in the Department. Mrs. President, if one Convention can have special legislation, I do not understand why another cannot. Why cannot the Convention at Detroit pass a law as well as the Convention at St. Louis? That Convention passed a law that this Organization should come into the Department of the

Potomac. When that law was promulgated, it became void under the rules of this Order. We have nothing to do with the laws of any other organization. We deal only with the present laws. Has the National President carried out the law passed at Detroit? I for one am very sorry if we should lose the Department G. A. R. I am sorry if we have no authority — if by the vote of any of the Departments we allow an infringement of the law. There is the right to appeal always to the National Convention. The National Convention of course has legal authority. I have not heard that this Corps has made an appeal to be restored. I am sorry if this Corps has stayed out of this Organization. We have to support the National President. Perhaps our methods would have differed in enforcing the law; but we must sustain her ruling.

Mrs. Sherwood: I think our Convention of women should support the National President if it can conscientiously do so.

Mrs. Wales: I only want to make one simple correction. I do not understand that our question now hinges on just this Corps. Do we support our National President in revoking the charter of Potomac Corps? That is the question. I know she has used good and the best judgment in this matter. I have seen the correspondence. Now what does this Convention think she did? Are they willing to throw the Potomac Corps entirely over? That is the question.

Mrs. Hood of California here begged the indulgence of the Convention to present the opinion of an absent member — one of the Past National Presidents — Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne. It was moved, That this opinion be received by the Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood: I do not think it is proper to accept the paper from an absent member.

Mrs. Sanders: I think you are out of order, ladies. We have no right to allow such a communication to be read in this Convention. We have no authority to do so. I have appointed no Committee to bring this communication to this Convention. I cannot allow that paper to be read.

Mrs. Craig: I am in favor of sustaining the President in this matter.

Mrs. Hampton: We have a precedent regarding such cases. At Seventh Convention — held in Milwaukee — an exhaustive paper relating to a subject to come before Convention, was sent,

by a member not expecting to be present, to the Council, with orders to have it read before Seventh Convention. The Council weighed the question well and decided that the paper was not admissible, and therefore could not properly come before the Council or Convention. The Convention sustained the Council, and the paper was not allowed. Mrs. President, members of our Order cannot *vote* by proxy, neither can they be allowed to *debate* by proxy.

Mrs. Wickins asked the pleasure of the Convention.

Mrs. Barker: It is unprecedented to allow a written communication to come before the Convention, that is, to be read. Still, I think we should be governed by parliamentary rules rather than our own. Take a case in court. Not only page after page, but book after book, is referred to, and certain portions read. It is impossible for her to be present with us to hear the discussion of this Convention. It is the only privilege she has asked during the Convention. Shall this member be heard upon this question?

Mrs. Burleigh: Are we in favor of allowing written documents? Will you allow me to say that in all of our courts written documents are presented.

Clara E. Nichols: I believe it was stated that no documents or books were to be allowed in our Organization legislatively. Is this member entitled to legislate in this Convention?

Sarah C. Mink moved, That the representative from California be allowed to present the opinion of this absent member. Seconded by Mary G. Deane.

Mrs. Craig stated that she would be very glad to hear this opinion, if it was considered to be the pleasure of the Convention.

Mrs. McHenry: How is it possible for our sister to have any idea of the manner in which this matter has been taken up and discussed?

It was here explained that the opinion was simply to be read in the Convention as a matter of information, not that it was expected that the prevailing opinion would be changed in regard to the question.

Elizabeth B. Smith: As one of the younger members of this Convention, I would like to ask for a little information before this question is put to vote. I believe the matter we are deciding is one upon which we should have all the information possible, and I would ask that the same be given us.

Calls for previous question.

Harriet Reeves: I do not understand that this communication was written or intended to be used as evidence, but that it is merely an opinion. We are so familiar with this matter that I hardly think it necessary to produce it. We have all the evidence we need in this matter, and have studied it carefully and well.

Calls for previous question.

Mrs. Wickins: Ladies, the previous question is called for; and as I now understand it, you are voting upon the original question.

Mrs. Wales: The original question as I understand it is, Shall the recommendation of the Committee be adopted? Are we ready?

Mrs. Wickins: You are now voting upon the original question.

Miss Hopkins: May I ask that the question be read?

The Chairman again read the question and the recommendation of the Committee.

Mrs. Wickins again put the question. [Carried.]

Mrs. Wickins: That part of the President's Address is sustained.

Moved by Mary A. Bradley, seconded by Flo J. Miller, That the Convention adjourn one hour for luncheon. [Carried.]

FRIDAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 3 P.M. Mrs. Spencer, an army nurse, offered prayer

National President: We will take up the order of business where we left it — that is, the continuation of the Report of the Committee on the President's Address.

Mrs. Wickins was asked to take charge of the Convention. Secretary instructed to call the roll same as in the morning session.

Mrs. Wickins: We are now ready for business. Being legally seated, we can act upon the President's Address. We are now ready to begin with the numbered recommendations.

Recommendation No 1: Approved by Committee. Moved by Elizabeth A. Turner, seconded by Sue R. Caswell of North Dakota, That the recommendation be adopted. [Carried.]

Flo J. Miller: Mrs. President, I move to reconsider the action taken upon the Potomac Corps matter. [Seconded by Ellen E. Patterson of Maine.]

Mary A. Bradley amended the motion, That we reconsider it at the close of this report. Mrs. Miller declined to accept the amendment.

Nettie Ransford: Can we reconsider a question that was acted upon at a previous session? This is not another session. This is but a continuation of the session which we adjourned for lunch. No business has transpired since the session of this morning. Mrs. Barker concurred with Mrs. Ransford's idea.

Annie Wittenmyer: I think it is due to this Convention that they understand exactly what this means. I do not believe it does. Let me explain that in Congress, when it is moved to reconsider a question and it is lost, it can never be moved to reconsider that question again. It finishes it up and ends it. That is what it is for. If you move to reconsider and vote it down, you cannot take the matter up again. That is what this motion is for. I do not understand why this lady made the motion. Was that your object? [Question addressed to the maker of the motion.]

Mrs. Miller explained that there were some present who wanted to hear more about it.

Mrs. Bradley here withdrew her amendment to the motion.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: The condition this business is in now, so far as the recommendation of the Committee being approved goes, you can take it up; but so far as the adoption of the report of the Committee upon their approval of the President's work — so far as that is concerned, that is ended. That part cannot be taken up again. You voted to approve the recommendation of the Committee in this matter.

Question called and the motion to reconsider the Potomac Corps matter, as made by Mrs. Miller, was voted on and lost.

Recommendation No. 2: Moved by Mrs. Barker, That this recommendation be divided, that it may be handled more satisfactorily. [Seconded by a delegate from Utah.]

Mrs. Sherwood: I rise to an explanation, as Chairman of the National Pension Committee. There may be members present who do not clearly understand this matter. I think it would be discourteous to dissolve the Committee without an explanation, without reference to the Committee; and I should like to say there is full co-operation between the National President and myself concerning this question. I had first written it up for my report, and afterwards concluded that it was not really within my province, and forwarded it to the National President; and she has very properly, I think, embodied it in her Address. I wish to reassert that the National President has in this matter been in no way discourteous to her Committee.

Mrs. Sanders: I think this is due Mrs. Sherwood from me. We had some correspondence in regard to this matter. She was going to make this recommendation herself. I endeavored in my report to present the matter just as she wrote it. It is Mrs. Sherwood's recommendation, and I wish to add that she has not imposed upon me in the least.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: It is due me, and the National President, and everybody, that I make an explanation. This whole action was gotten up without consulting me in the least. If there is one in this Convention that was one-half as much surprised as I was when that recommendation was read, I would like to know who it was. I do not want to go on the past record, if you please. I expect to get my reward in Heaven when the proper time comes. I do not want to go to Heaven just yet, as I do not want to get there before they are ready for me. I want this Convention to consider well what they are putting upon me. I want them to understand what they are consenting to. I want to make a few remarks in regard to this matter, that I may explain the circumstances, so that you will all understand it. I came here to look after the army nurses' pensions. I had hundreds of them; and I knew that by putting forth personal effort in their behalf, the matter could be much more promptly and satisfactorily handled. I came down here as one of the Pension Committee, and wrote to Mrs. Sherwood that I had come to help the Committee push its army nurse pension bill; and if I could be of assistance to her, to let me know. My remembrance is that I got into it. I get into everything. I get out of some things if I can. I will say

for the National officers, that there is no division among them and the Home officers. They agreed to pay me for my time. I was here five months. I worked hard; and the result is that I have not much left. Of course I had to look pretty well while in Washington, and I wore my best clothes. I thank Mrs. Sherwood for her consideration in this matter; but I want it distinctly understood that I must protect myself.

Mrs. Sherwood: I would like to say to this Tenth National Convention, and to our distinguished Past National President, Annie Wittenmyer, that I had a motive in preparing that recommendation which the present National President understood. I want you to act upon these reports later. You will find that this bill to which Mrs. Wittenmyer refers passed with the proviso that no attorney should be allowed a fee for prosecuting the pension bill. You will find that this means, what? That we must either employ a man attorney, or we must employ a woman to prosecute these claims. We have another distinguished member in this Convention; and these two women were here in Washington working for the Pension Bill, spending days and weeks. The widows of our Order are our elect ladies. Women with husbands cannot get away from home. My husband always objects. He can hardly let me come to a Convention. While I was Chairman of the Pension Committee, I could not see the time to come to Washington for the purpose of formulating my plans; and as the Secretary of our Committee and Mrs. Wittenmyer were here to represent us, it was hardly necessary for me to come. Now, then, this I insist upon as a matter of economy. The Ohio women in Convention and in our Corps know that I am always preaching economy. For a person to go back and forth and make many trips is expensive business. Now it seemed to me that if the National Convention had a division of the work—that is, let the representative of the National Pension Committee look after the interests of the National Home—it would not only insure the Army Nurse Pension Bill receiving the proper attention, but it would also be economy. You know very well that we could not expect her to come here without money. We cannot expect her to do this work merely for her expenses; for it would take time and cause her a great deal of extra work. It also seemed to me that inasmuch as our Past National President is a member of the Home Board, and

one of the elect widows of this Order, that she would be the proper person to help us and represent us as our General Pension Agent. It seemed to me that we should employ her so that she would set aside a certain time from her other work for this, and on a salary take up the claims of these army nurses.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Sherwood's remarks, Mrs. Wickins said: The question we are now upon is the original. It was stated, and we have had further explanation as to the intent and motive of this recommendation. [Question. Carried.]

Mrs. Barker: I move, That the first clause be laid upon the table until the Report of the Pension Committee is received. [Seconded by Emma B. Manchester and Joanna W. Turner. Carried.]

Cornelia S. Perry: It is my understanding that you are only taking up the first part.

Mrs. Wickins: We are now taking up the last clause. There was a motion to divide the recommendation, and the first part has been laid upon the table until the report of the Pension Committee.

Mrs. Bradley: I would like to submit this motion as a substitute before the house, That the entire recommendation be laid upon the table.

Mrs. Wittenmyer arose to a point of order, same being, That you could not lay upon the table what was already there. She said: You have only laid the first part upon the table. You took action upon the first part. You have the last part before you.

Moved by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Ida W. Moore and Mrs. Bradley, That the second part be laid upon the table until report of Pension Committee is received.

Mary E. Knowles: I would like information as to how we shall vote on that last part. That I understand was not laid upon the table. The last clause in that recommendation, I understand, is before us now to be voted upon. Will the recommendation conflict with any agent which Congress may have appointed, or may appoint as special agent?

Mrs. Wittenmyer: Mrs. President, I wish to report that the United States Congress has nothing whatever to do with this. I will say that I should never charge an army nurse one red cent.

If you make the salary as mentioned, it will go for help to do the work well. That is all. It does not interfere with me.

The motion to lay the second clause of Recommendation No. 2 on the table was carried.

Recommendation No. 3: Moved by Lizabeth A. Turner, That the National Secretary be paid for an extra month's service. Mrs. Barker desired to amend this motion to include the Treasurer. [Amendment accepted.]

Caroline H. Bell thought the salaries should go from Convention to Convention.

Abbie Lynch: In looking over this section in the Red Book, we find that it says the salary is given for the actual year, which is from Convention to Convention, and which may be for a few weeks longer or a few weeks shorter. We thought this covered the recommendation in full; and from examining this and looking it over, we find that it states that the salary shall be six hundred dollars per year. It nowhere states that it shall be fifty dollars per month. The Secretary gets six hundred dollars per year; if she has to work a month longer, she should get that fifty dollars extra for the time. I think that is what the National President meant in this recommendation. It is what we thought.

Mrs. Turner desired to know if the original motion included the Treasurer.

Emma B. Lowd: I desire to ask for information. How long is the National Secretary required to work after the close of the Convention to finish up all the work?

Mrs. Wickins: One year she has to work longer than others. A year is generally considered twelve months. This year would be more.

Mrs. Lowd: Then, if the Secretary works one month after the close of this Convention, for that extra time she will receive no compensation. If it was fifty dollars per month, she would get salary for that over-time. As it is, she gets a regular salary for one year, and it does not make any difference how long she works. The point I wish to cover is this. You want to cover the expense of the National Secretary so long as she will serve in closing up the work after the administration, that is, from Convention to Convention? Who pays the National Secretary for her extra work? Is the Secretary expected to remain on at her work, and include that in her year's salary?

Mrs. Hampton: I rise to speak upon this question because it is perfectly clear to me. At St. Louis this question came up. The salary was at that time increased. I forget what the salary was before that. A long debate followed as to what it should be, and the requirements of the National Secretary, her ability, her commercial value, her intelligence as a woman, etc. A great many ladies spoke upon the subject; and among other points brought up was this: how long is the time? The salary was then discussed. Four hundred dollars, five hundred, six hundred. It was finally established at six hundred dollars. Then the question came up,—I think it was Miss Hopkins of Michigan who brought up the point,—how long is a year? Then that was all gone over and discussed. It was agreed that a year should be an administration. Some administrations were ten months, some fourteen months—whatever it might be. I had my mind upon that subject, for I was the incoming President. Miss Hopkins spoke upon that subject, knowing the Secretary would be from Michigan. We wanted to know just what was meant. Every administration has to finish up its work. If you would say for each administration, and not for so many months, I think you would cover the point. It sometimes takes one month, sometimes two, and sometimes more, for a President to finish up the work of her administration. The new President and Secretary come in at the commencement of the new year, and we could not pay *two* secretaries very well. That is the point I wished to cover.

Mrs. Barker: It seems to me that \$50 per month for all extra time after the year, or from Convention to Convention.

Ellen M. Putman: The question is, What is the average time, and who pays the Secretary, and for how long for completing the work?

Some lady said: That is not the point. The new President is elected. Her Secretary's time commences then. Is there any length of time the old Secretary remains doing the work of her administration?

Mrs. Barker here presented her motion in this form: "That the Secretary receive \$50 per month for all the time after the expiration of the year. She now receives \$600 per year. I move, That we pay her \$50 for all the time; that is, \$50 per month from Convention to Convention. If the Convention is in eight months, or

thirteen months, she gets paid for the time actually employed." Is the Secretary not obliged to do some work after the Convention closes? I know there are several days' or weeks' work. The Secretary draws her pay from Convention to Convention under this new ruling. The old Secretary's salary closed with the Convention; and she has much work to do, and she does it, too. We shall have to keep an account and pay her for the time. She now receives \$600 per year. If the year is twelve months, that is equal to \$50 per month. I move that we pay her \$50 per month for all the time from Convention to Convention. [Seconded by Mrs. Ehrman.]

Mrs. Lowd: Will this also include the Treasurer?

Sara L. Brown: I supposed a motion had been made upon this question. When I was Department President in Michigan, we had nearly fourteen months in the year. Then we had the work to finish up; and it did seem to me that the salary should continue from administration to administration.

Some one present said: Does this apply only to the National Convention, or should we legislate for the Departments?

Mrs. Turner: I would like to ask if Mrs. Barker's motion was amended. Does she wish to amend it?

Mrs. Bradley: We change our laws when necessary, it is understood that they can be changed. I see no reason for special legislation in this case. This is a long year, it has about thirteen months I think; and I wish to say that in my opinion the Secretary should be paid for her extra services this year. I would like to offer this as a substitute motion, That the law remain as it is, and that the Secretary and Treasurer be paid \$50 this year for extra services on account of the long year. [Seconded by Emma B. Lowd.]

Some one asked if this applied only to this year, making it a special year. It was replied that it did. Question called for.

Mrs. Hampton: We have had so much explanation and so many arguments, that we do not seem to get on at all. I do not see why an exception should be made in this case. Each administration has to finish up its work after the expiration of the year. We have all had to do that. If we make an exception now, we shall have to continue. We have had plenty of trouble in the past through special legislation making exceptions to regular law.

Mrs. Bradley's motion was put and lost.

Mrs. Lowd offered as a substitute the following: "That the salary of the National Secretary and Treasurer be paid from Convention to Convention, and \$50 per month after the Convention until close of work."

Mrs. Barker: As I was the one to state that motion, and it has been seconded, I should like to offer an amendment. [She did not state her amendment, but sat down, as Mrs. Lowd still had the floor. Miss Hopkins seconded Mrs. Lowd's motion.]

Question put before the house. Mrs. Barker arose to a point of order.

Mrs. Wickins: We will now take a vote upon the original motion. If you desire to vote it down, you can do so.

Mrs. Turner: The original motion is, That the report of the Committee be adopted, with the addition of the Treasurer.

Mrs. Lowd: I think Mrs. Bradley's motion made, a little while ago, covered about the same ground that mine does. I should like to inquire if her motion applied to this year only, and that the Secretary and Treasurer be paid from the close of Convention, for the time used in completing and finishing the year's work. You will note this is a peculiar question.

Mrs. Bradley: My motion was intended to cover just the past year's work. There were thirteen months in this year. They would receive \$600. This has been a long year, and I think the Secretary and Treasurer should be given \$50 for extra work. I think Mrs. Lowd's motion should be carried, and that the report of the Committee be not adopted.

Mrs. Wickins again stated that the Convention would vote upon the original motion.

Miss Hopkins: Can we do that without the withdrawal of the substitute?

Mrs. Wickins: No, the substitute would have to come first.

Mrs. Wickins then asked Mrs. Lowd to repeat the substitute, which was as follows: "That the salary of the National Secretary and Treasurer be continued from Convention to Convention, and afterward at the rate of \$50 per month until the close of the work. [This substitute motion was lost. Original motion as made by Mrs. Barker then put. Carried.]

Mrs. Hampton: I should like to know what salary the National Secretary gets.

Mrs. Barker: The National President's recommendation is that the salary be continued from Convention to Convention. I take that to mean that if it is thirteen months until the close of the Convention, she gets \$50 per month for the thirteen months; if not thirteen months, she does not get pay for that time.

Mrs. Hampton: That will make additional salary. We have had that voted down. You have voted for something in direct opposition to what you really wanted.

Mrs. Brown: I move, That we reconsider this vote.

Mrs. Craig: I think we have spent \$100 worth of time in trying to settle this question. It has been voted that the salary of the National Secretary and Treasurer be continued until the close of Convention. It has always been paid from Convention, to Convention, and we have voted to continue to pay it. We cannot change the amount of the salary of the National Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. Barker: Did we not adopt the President's recommendation?

Mrs. Wickins: That already reads that the salary shall be paid from Convention to Convention; or, that is, to pay it to the close of Convention. You did not say any different amounts?

Some one present asked that Mrs. Sanders explain the intent and meaning of her recommendation.

Mrs. Sanders: I will explain what I had in mind when making that recommendation. This has been a very long year. It has been a year of constant work. It commenced about the middle of August and will end after the middle of September. I think it was about the middle of August that the Convention was held. Our National Secretary's work has been hard, she has worked about six weeks extra; and I thought she needed the extra pay for the extra work. I did not include the Treasurer in the recommendation (as it was carefully gone over), for the reason that she is generally re-elected, and her salary goes on. What I wanted was to have our Secretary compensated for her extra work of this long year. The pay of the new Secretary begins when she is installed, and the old Secretary is not entitled to pay after she va-

cates her office. All I wanted was that she be compensated for her six weeks' extra work.

Mrs. Barker: The motion was that their salary be continued at the rate of \$50 per month. I move, That the Secretary and Treasurer be paid \$50 each for the extra work.

Mrs. Bradley: I move, That in view of the fact of the extra arduous work of the past year, the National Secretary and Treasurer be allowed \$50 additional salary.

It was suggested that a substitute to a substitute was out of order. Mrs. Bradley responded that she made it a substitute for everything that was before the house.

Caroline H. Bell: I should like to say a few words in regard to this matter. The work of the Treasurer is about completed at the time of Convention, or it is supposed to be; but the Secretary has to work for weeks to get the reports of the proceedings ready for the Journal.

Mrs. Bradley: I made a motion, which was properly seconded (I did not get the name of second), That the Secretary and Treasurer be allowed \$50 each in addition to their salary for the past year. [Question.]

Some one asked: Provided that the Treasurer is re-elected, or that she succeeds herself, do I understand that she is to receive \$100 for the month's salary?

Mrs. Bradley: \$50 for extra service until the close of this Convention.

Mrs. Wickins: We have accepted the report of the Committee to pay Secretary and Treasurer, each \$50 for extra service. If this is to come up again, it should be brought up under the head of new business.

Mrs. Bradley: I stand corrected.

Recommendation No. 4. Moved by Cornelia S. Perry, seconded by Emma B. Manchester, That it be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 5. Passed. Previously decided.

Recommendation No. 6. Not approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Barker, seconded by Belle C. Harris, That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Abbie R. Flagg: I would say that in Michigan we have a solid roster and we are very proud of it. I do hope this will be adopted.

Henrietta Steismeier: I wish to say a few words. Suppose the first number should be vacant. We should not like to see a new Corps come in and take No. 1. We have considered the matter; and while I believe the roster ought to be solid, I should not like to see a new Corps come in first ahead of the old Corps. I think this is a matter that should be left to the judgment of the Departments.

Mrs. Barker: I move, That we leave this matter with the Departments. We cannot expect to legislate in such a manner upon this question that it will be satisfactory to all Departments; for what would suit one Department will not suit another. I think each one should have the privilege of doing as it likes in regard to this matter.

Mrs. Hampton: It is not only one Department that we have to legislate for, but many. My opinion is that it would be best to let each Department legislate for itself, and do whatever seems best under the circumstances. [Question.]

Mrs. Barker's motion put. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 7. Committee recommended adoption Moved by Ellen M. Putnam, seconded by Mary J. Train, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 8. Approved by Committee. Moved by Caroline H. Bell, seconded by Sue R. Caswell, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, with the exception that the words "filed with" be changed to "held by." [This was agreed to by the President. Carried.]

Recommendation No. 9. Being covered in Counselor's report, the Committee did not deem it necessary to consider the recommendation, as that report was accepted in full.

Isabelle T. Bagley: Does Ohio understand that this recommendation of the Counselor's was passed? Does the Committee so understand?

Mrs. Wickins: If you have carefully considered the Counselor's report, you will find that it was. In the Counselor's report, you will find this question taken up.

Mrs. Bagley asked that the Chairman of the Committee on the Counselor's report be called to the platform.

Mrs. Wickins: You adopted that report entire yesterday, and of course, that being the pleasure of this Convention, the Committee had no further jurisdiction in the matter.

Mrs. Bagley: There is only one way to get at that. We will reconsider that part of the report.

Mrs. Wickins: The report of the 'Counselor has been acted upon by this Convention. The report of the Committee in regard to this recommendation has been stated. You can do as you choose with the report of the Committee.

Moved by Sara L. Brown, That the report of the Committee be adopted. [Seconded.]

Mrs. Bradley asked for information in regard to this matter and the report of the Committee, saying: "I do not understand that if we adopt the report of the Committee that we are not sustaining the President. It has been recommended by the President that the State of Ohio be commanded to pay back that money. We adopted the Counselor's report. Our business here now is to legislate for the future, and not go back to matters that have been settled."

Mrs. Wickins: That is the point. You accepted the report of the Counselor as a whole. You did not take up the different points and discuss them and act upon them. Your legislation will conflict possibly; but the Committee's report is before you to do as you think best with.

Agnes Hitt: The question, as I understand it, is to adopt or reject the Committee's report. The Counselor's report was certainly accepted entire. I tried to read the report so that it would be distinctly understood.

Mrs. Bagley: I have noted the question in the Counselor's Report. That is not the wording of question as it was agreed upon by the Committee, with the consent of the Counselor. The Chairman of our Committee on the Counselor's Report (Mrs. Hitt) changed the question to this: We intend the words "The Ohio" to be changed to the word "Corps." So it is not a question as to from what Treasury the expense of this Ohio Court of Inquiry will be paid. You adopted the report of the Counselor yesterday. This matter does not come under the Counselor's report. That report adopted yesterday makes for us a law for the future. If Ohio has sixteen courts of inquiry next year, according to your ruling, adopted yesterday, Ohio must pay for the

whole sixteen courts of inquiry; but there is no law or precedent that can compel Ohio to pay the expense of a court of inquiry held some weeks or months previous to this law which you adopted yesterday. It will apply to the future; and we are a law-abiding State, and we will come in under it in the future; but it does not and cannot be made to apply to the past.

Mrs. Wickins: The question before you now is whether you will adopt the report of the Committee.

Mrs. Barker: I think this is a question that should come directly before us.

Mrs. Brown withdrew her motion.

Mrs. Barker: I move, That the question be dealt with at the present time.

Mrs. Steismeier: And that we take up Recommendation No. 9.

Mrs. Wickins: I feel that I must make some remarks in regard to this matter. You have already discussed it at some length, and I do not wish to prolong the controversy. The Convention accepted the report of the Counselor yesterday, and Mrs. Barker has made a motion now in regard to this matter. Will you please state it?

Mrs. Barker: I moved that we take up the matter of Recommendation No. 9, and that it be given to the Convention for consideration. It seems the Committee did not consider it, and has no recommendation to make, for the reason that it had been previously dealt with and settled by this Convention. I now consider that as this Committee makes no recommendation, the matter is before the Convention for action.

Mrs. Steismeier: I move, That Recommendation No. 9 be adopted by this Convention. [Seconded by Emily V. Littlefield.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I was a member of the Council. I did not concur in this, because I felt that there was no law for it. I would like to protect our Treasury to the extent of \$300 if I could. Ohio is a rich State; they could pay it. I hardly think that without a clear law that it ought to be compelled to pay it. I am not favorable to this resolution.

Fannie J. Ebright: We had no resolutions in yesterday's report. We will now consider what is proper to be done in this

case. I am very proud of Ohio. You all know that if Ohio is commanded to pay a claim, that she will pay it. Ohio is a law-abiding State. I do not think in this case that she has any right to pay it. In the first place, the court of inquiry was held without the knowledge of our Department President. She was not even notified. I went, in my capacity of Department Treasurer, with the Council's consent. All National affairs taken up by National government anywhere should be provided for at the expense of the National Treasury. In their capacity they pay their bills. According to the Rules and Regulations, Corps pay when they institute courts of inquiry; but when a court of inquiry is held without the knowledge of the Department President, as a member of this Convention I will state that the Department has no right to pay the expense. We will submit to what you say; but we hope this Convention will not use us unjustly.

Mrs. Flagg: I simply wish to say that I must approve of Mrs. Wittenmyer's idea, and have expressed myself that way. There is not a precedent in this.

Mrs. Mink: As a member, it was a matter of great concern to me where these expenses were to come from. I must stand by Mrs. Wittenmyer. I have felt it to be unjust. I suppose the National Treasury could stand this expense, and I feel that it must be paid from that Treasury. I felt that we were acting unjustly in commanding the Department of Ohio to pay it. I thought that, if they did pay it, it would be better to say that they were "requested to pay it."

Emma B. Manchester: We have a precedent established in our Corps. Any Corps ordering a court of inquiry shall pay the expenses. When there is no law governing the National, should they not be under government the same as a Corps? Why should it not be the same with the National and Department, that it is with Corps?

Flo J. Miller: I would like to ask how a court of inquiry could be called without the knowledge of the Department officers?

Mrs. Sherwood: I wish, as a member from Ohio, to say that we had no option in any way or form against the calling of this court. We all desired the order, so far as I have knowledge. Whether or not this is the case, we do know that in this recommendation Ohio is commanded to pay a debt, or rather to pay the expense

of this National court of inquiry. This is not the first experience Ohio has had in courts of inquiry. We have another precedent in the case of Indiana. You know that the National paid the expense. In Ohio it did the same. That has been the law, and we were working under the old law; and it does not seem right that we ought to be commanded to pay something that under our law we did not incur. Yesterday we made a new law; and hereafter we will be willing to conform to the new law which you made yesterday. You cannot, ladies, with reason and justice, ask us to conform to a law that you made yesterday in a court of inquiry that was held months previous. That is the only point we hope to make.

Mrs. Craig: I must sustain Mrs. Bagley in her interpretation of the law.

Mrs. Hampton: I will read the law. It was passed at the Sixth National Convention:—

Resolved, That all Corps having trouble which demands expense for investigation shall pay the same from their own treasury.

Some one suggested that it applied to Departments.

Mrs. Knowles: I do not think that applies to this question. It is very evident that the National President did not think the Department of Ohio should pay it.

Mrs. Sanders: I must say this in justice to myself. This matter came to me through an appeal from the members of Ohio. It was officially signed by the Department of Ohio and sent to me for action. Ladies, there was nothing else for me to do but appoint a court of inquiry. I selected the best women I knew in the Order near Ohio to try this case. You know the verdict. I then knew not what the law meant exactly. My understanding was not clear. I wrote to every member of my Council, in order to make no mistakes, every one of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Wittenmyer, agreed with me. They wrote me saying they understood this law applied to Departments, and they felt that it was the duty of Ohio to bear the expense. I then asked the Department President to pay it. I considered it my duty to do so. She thought otherwise. The ladies had gone there to investigate this matter, and were out of their money. I thought it was not right that they should be without it so long, and I ordered the National Secretary to draw orders for the payment of these bills. I paid them

under protest. I dared not do anything else. Further, I asked Mrs. McHenry, who offered this recommendation in regard to the matter. I was obliged to act in accordance with the understanding of my Council. I never took any action unless I had the opinion of my Council, and it was upon their understanding that I based my action.

Mrs. Sherwood: On behalf of Ohio, I must speak again. I was going to say that I think what has been done in this matter was all done in good faith. I feel satisfied as Mrs. Sanders has expressed to you, that a simple difference of opinion arose between her and the Department President as to whether or not we should pay this expense. If you can show me any law that would indicate that we should pay it, we are willing to pay it. If you will insist, we as a Department are law-abiding. I have said to you how willingly we will conform to the new law you have made; but that law did not exist when this expense was incurred.

Mrs. Cheney: I only want to make a statement. It has been said here that previous court of inquiry bills were paid. They were paid partially; but during Mrs. Hampton's administration, bills of several hundred dollars were sent to her from Ohio to be paid by the National. This she refused to pay. The National Convention moved an endorsement of her action in the matter.

Mrs. Wickins: What will you do with this matter? A motion is before the house. The Committee made no recommendation. As many as are in favor of the recommendation of the National President, manifest it by rising.

Mrs. Wickins: Be seated now. It is evident you do not understand what you are doing. The motion is that the Convention adopt this recommendation of the President

Mrs. Barker: I wish the President would omit the words "be commanded to" out of her recommendation. That would soften it considerably, and yet it would be fully as effectual.

Mrs. Sanders: I am quite willing to do so.

Mary A. McQuiston: We would willingly refund without a command. We would cheerfully comply if there was any law under which we could do so. We fail to find the law except where you make it apply to these old cases. It is immaterial to us whether you "command" us or not. We shall willingly obey any law by command or request.

Mrs. Sherwood called for the question.

Mrs. Wickins here stated the question, with the omission of words as recommended by Mrs. Barker. Mrs. Wickins declared motion lost.

Emma B. Manchester called for rising vote. It was taken. Declared lost.

Mrs. Sherwood asked for the result of the vote upon recommendation No. 9. Was told that it was lost.

Mrs. Sherwood: I rise to a personal explanation. I was not allowed to speak upon this question. I merely wanted to ask if the word "command" could not be changed to something else, to make it sound more pleasantly. [She was informed that the words "be commanded to" were to be omitted, Mrs. Sanders having expressed her willingness.]

Recommendation No. 10. Approved by Committee. Moved and seconded, That it be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 11. Eliminated by consent of Convention.

Recommendation No. 12. Approved by Committee. Moved by Sara L. Rothrock, seconded by Susie M. Sweet and Ida W. Moore, That the recommendation of Committee be adopted.

Emma R. Wallace of Illinois: I would like to amend this motion by striking out the words "make no separate exhibit," and I would like to speak to the amendment, as that is my sole purpose in getting up. I speak not only as a member of the Relief Corps, but as a member of the Board of Lady Managers, having a little clearer conception possibly of the general plan of the Exposition than many of you have. I do not, and would not, in the slightest degree affect your National representation in the Women's Building. Let me tell you what the status of Illinois is to-day: One year ago last April, at our annual Convention we decided to be represented at the World's Fair. The following year, in April, we still said the same thing, and appointed our Committee. That Committee has been at work formulating its plans and making arrangements to exhibit in the Illinois State building. The State of Illinois has an appropriation from its legislature of \$800,000; and that Board has given to the women of Illinois a sum to enable them to make an exhibit in their Department.

There will be all kinds of woman's work. Educational and religious work will be represented; and it would seem not quite fair that the Woman's Relief Corps, with its six or seven thousand members, alone should not be there. Other States, California, Ohio and all these States, have their buildings; and it would seem quite proper if they could have a place to handle their business and hang their banners. This will not in the slightest degree affect the National exhibit, which should be just as grand in the Woman's Building as you could make it. I only ask this: that the States—the Departments—may have the privilege of doing what Illinois expects to do. Ladies, there are many buildings there; and we could keep our Organization in the minds of the people by having exhibits, and displaying our badges in every building. You cannot do too much for this Organization. I would rather urge all Departments to have exhibits of their banners and their badges in their own State buildings. I trust you will help us in this matter, and allow us to make our exhibit, as their organizations will make theirs, in their own State buildings.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I am glad to speak upon this amendment. Of course I understand that the amendment is to allow separate exhibits to be made by separate States. Mrs. President, I do not think this ought to be left optional. I do not think we shall have very much to exhibit. I think we defeat the whole measure not to keep to the original purpose: as, when we bring all the States together, all the banners together, it will make a beautiful display; it will be more brilliant than if we cannot have our banners, souvenirs and everything in there. There will be more general satisfaction. Let us stand together, as unless we do we are lost in the grand displays at the World's Fair. I am greatly in favor of the original recommendation.

The Secretary here read a communication from the National Council of Women, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Bradley: I do not think our distinguished Past President understands the amendment. The amendment is not to affect the great National exhibit of the Woman's Relief Corps. Every Department will contribute to the National Exhibit, and unite to make it grand; but as claimed, we have already secured a place, called on the Comrades for assistance, and made plans for

a separate exhibit in our own State building that will go on at the same time the other is going on. We will all unite in this one great exhibit.

Mrs. Wickins: Is the Convention ready for the question?

Mrs. Bradley: I would ask if we cannot have in the Woman's Building one good-sized room which we can have for the Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, which can be made comfortable and pleasant and as beautiful as it can be. We can place our banners there, and have a woman there who will care for it and for our things; and then let each State make such exhibit in addition as it can.

Mrs. Mink: The only objection that I see would be that it would represent only these Department exhibits. I think it would be better to have one general room.

Mrs. Bradley: My point was that we have a room that shall be regarded as the Woman's Relief Corps Headquarters, and that each Department can in addition to that have a separate exhibit.

Question put before the house. The report of the committee was adopted as per motion, the maker of the motion accepting the amendment as proposed by Mrs. Wallace. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 13. Not approved by Committee as it stands, believing the superintendent should be elected by this Convention instead of being appointed, and recommending the use of the word "elect" instead of "appoint."

Moved by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, That it be adopted.

Mrs. Craig: I do not think this body of women capable of naming a woman at this time who will make a good superintendent.

Mrs. Barker: I do not think the question how shall we elect a superintendent is of so much importance as shall we have one? Can we afford one? I think we ought to consider the condition of our treasury. We ought to refer this matter to our Treasurer. We have assumed a great deal of expense. We have voted to allow our Secretary and Treasurer fifty dollars extra over and above what we paid last year; we have assumed the expense of the Court of Inquiry in Ohio; we have assumed the expense incurred by the Department of the Potomac for our entertainment. How are we going to afford all of this expense?

Mrs. Wittenmyer: It seems to me that we want to stop a moment and see if we can afford to do it.

Mrs. Bradley : I understand that the Woman's Building is for the use of women exclusively. I have been told that there are six thousand organizations of women that will be represented. I think we ought to have some one to look after our display.

Mrs. Wittenmyer : I do not understand just how comprehensive Mrs. Craig's motion is. It seems to me that she intended to convey the meaning that we should have a superintendent for our own exhibit.

Mrs. Craig : We have in the next recommendation full provision for a superintendent. We cannot afford to send our banners and things there and leave them without some one to care for them.

Mrs. Bradley : I do not believe we can secure room there for all the banners and all the badges we have. I do not approve the recommendation of the Committee.

Before action was taken upon this recommendation, it was moved by Mrs. Mink, That the Convention reconsider the action taken and proceed at once to the election of officers. [Seconded by Mrs. Craig.]

Mrs. Bradley interposed an objection, saying there were so few recommendations left upon the President's Address, it could be disposed of in ten minutes if the Convention would give it attention.

Mrs. Craig spoke again, saying the balance of the President's Address could be acted upon while the votes were being counted, and adding, "There are many delegates here who must go home, and it is just as important that we have a proper President as that we have a proper superintendent. The only matter remaining in the President's Address is the World's Fair, and that can be taken up after the nominations are made, while we are counting the votes." [Applause.]

The motion was carried. See page 366 for nominations and election of officers.

Mrs. Cheney : Ladies, if you will keep quiet between the resolutions and the motion, and not buzz the minute a resolution is read or a motion made, we could get along much faster.

Mrs. Bradford moved, That as soon as action upon the President's Address was finished, and the election of National President decided, the Convention adjourn for supper. Seconded by Mrs. Craig.

Mrs. Wittenmyer offered as an amendment, That the Convention adjourn as soon as the election of the President was announced, for so long a time as it thought best, and that a night session be held to complete the business of this Convention.

This amendment was accepted. Motion carried.

Chairman of Committee on President's Address instructed to proceed.

Mrs. Wickins: We were upon the recommendation relative to a superintendent for the World's Fair.

Mrs. Hampton: It seems to me that if we do not appoint a superintendent, there is no need to act upon this recommendation; and if we do not have a superintendent, she will not need any salary.

Recommendation No. 14. Approved by Committee.

Mrs. Craig (going back to Recommendation No. 13 in connection with No. 14): It is recommended that we elect a superintendent at this Convention. I hold that this Convention is not able — that it has not the ability to appoint or elect. It is not for this Convention to say in what manner, if any, we shall have a superintendent. If we have a room, we should have some one there to look after it. I am not in favor of having a superintendent for the length of time mentioned, at the salary named. We shall have to run this Organization in debt to pay a salary of fifty dollars per month from January 1st to the close of the Fair. If we have nothing to exhibit, I hold that we should not employ a superintendent. If we are going to make an exhibit, I think it would be right to employ some one to take care of it during the Fair.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: Does Mrs. Craig know of any one willing to undertake this?

Mrs. Craig: I am in favor of appointing some one to go there from time to time. I trust you will do something with Recommendation No. 13.

Moved by Mrs. Reed, seconded by Mrs. Craig, That this recommendation be laid upon the table.

Mrs. Turner suggested that the matter be referred to the incoming National President and her Council. She said: "I cannot see how we can decide it so that it will be satisfactory to the incoming President or this Organization at the time the Fair will be in operation."

Mrs. Cheney thought it would be well to lay the matter upon the table.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Colgan, That Recommendations 14 and 15 also be laid upon the table.

Mrs. Turner moved, That Recommendations 16 and 17 be laid upon the table.

It was moved by Mrs. Reed, and seconded by Mrs. Craig, That these recommendations be laid upon the table until such time as the matter of a superintendent was decided. [Carried.]

Mrs. Wickins: You laid Recommendation No. 2 upon the table until the report of the Pension Committee was received. What will you do with the report of the Committee as a whole?

Moved by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Brown of Michigan, That the report of the Committee on President's Address be accepted as a whole. [Carried.]

While the business embodied in President's Address was being acted upon, Guards announced visitors at various times, who were admitted and extended the courtesies of Convention.

Mrs. Hendricks of Washington City: Mrs. President, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Rev. Dr. Stakely, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. (Mrs. Hendricks was instructed to escort him to the platform.)

National President: Ladies, I have the honor to introduce to you the Rev. Dr. Stakely, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city.

Rev. Dr. Stakely: Ladies of the National Woman's Relief Corps, I am glad to greet you upon this occasion. I regret exceedingly that you have found it advisable to change your place of meeting. I regret still more than that the assignment of reasons for the change. Mention was made by some one of the ladies that the Pastor of the First Baptist Church was opposed to the ladies meeting in that church. I want to say that I was off on my vacation when application for the use of the church was made; and I knew nothing whatever about it, until on my return the officers of the church told me that the request had been made, and they had agreed to it. I expressed my approval of same. In the morning devotions on last Sunday I begged the blessings of Almighty God upon the

Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city at this time. On last Sunday evening, with all the fulness of loyalty in my heart, I expressed words of welcome to the veterans who were present at our service, and to those who had come there from the different parts of the country to enjoy the delights of the week. On Wednesday night, when remarks were being made, the Pastor of the First Baptist Church expressed the hospitality of his church and himself. I am exceedingly sorry that after the ladies of the Department had so beautifully decorated our large church building, you found it in your hearts to leave us. I assure you you shall have a glad welcome to our church building at any time and also to the hearts and homes of our people. We profess to be National in our sentiment. We profess to be thoroughly patriotic. Those who sit under my ministry understand that I love the Stars and Stripes, and am National in my feelings. We love the flag and its colors. We rejoice to be citizens under the flag and under the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you in your good work, and may the meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city at this time make a favorable impression upon the youth of our city and of this land, and may it teach to them the lessons of loyalty and the spirit of patriotism.

National President: I assure you this Convention appreciate the hospitality extended by you and your church, and trust that you may carry to your congregation the best wishes of this Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood: I move, That the Tenth National Convention give a rising vote of thanks to Dr. Stakely for his welcome. [Seconded by Mrs. Wickins. Carried.]

Mrs. Hendricks was here instructed to escort the visitor to the door, when Mrs. Sherwood said: Mrs. President, may I ask that Dr. Stakely be allowed to stay and witness a little courtesy that is about to be extended?

Mrs. D. R. Locke of Ohio advanced to the platform, saying: Ladies of the Tenth National Convention, I desire to tender a little act of courtesy to our National President. I bring this gift, which is a collection of sterling silver souvenir teaspoons, in remembrance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of our National President.

"Bunker Hill," "Paul Revere," "Lexington," "The Hub," "Corn Palace," "Sun Flower," "Buffalo," "Watertown," "Chattanooga," "Toledo," "Detroit," "Old Kentucky Home," "Capitol," "Mount Vernon," "Geneva," "Providence," "Salem Witchcraft," "Delavan," "Evansville, Ind." and "Marysville, O.": The above were imbedded in a basket of red, white and blue immortelles and were beautifully presented by Kate B. Sherwood, on behalf of the donors.

At the close of Mrs. Sherwood's speech a delegate came forward, presenting a set of spoons, and said: Mrs. President, we ask your acceptance of these spoons as a mark of our respect and confidence in you as a woman and as an official of the Woman's Relief Corps, believing that you have been honest and faithful and kindly in the handling of your administration and faithful to the duties of your office.

Representatives from different States presented gifts as follows: Washington, Mount Hood spoon; Maryland, Baltimore spoon; Illinois, Abraham Lincoln and World's Fair spoon; Connecticut, Charter Oak spoon; Colorado, Pike's Peak spoon; Pennsylvania, a salad set; Tennessee, sugar sifter; Vermont, Bennington spoon; Maine, Hannibal Hamlin spoon. The Ohio, Rhode Island, Mountaineer and Red, White and Blue spoons were also presented.

A delegate from Virginia said: We do not wish to be outdone, Mrs. President, and we take pleasure in adding the John Brown spoon.

New Jersey presented a silver fruit dish.

South Dakota, a bon-bon spoon.

Mary A. Bradley: Mrs. President, I rise to a point of order. We are not so spoony out West. [This created laughter.]

A very fine salad bowl was also presented. Delegate did not make a speech nor say from whence she came.

Michigan presented a handsome silver clock.

Two jewel boxes were presented by the State of Maine.

At the close of these presentations, the National President said: Ladies, you know I am not capable of expressing my thanks for the beautiful tokens of your friendship that have been placed before me. I cannot begin to express to you my feelings for your manifestations of love and appreciation. I have tried to do my duty during my administration in every act. While I have held the

gavel of authority, I have tried to do right and to be just. In every portion of our land, I feel that I have the love and respect of the Woman's Relief Corps; and to me that is more than any other testimonial that could be extended. Ladies, I wish I had the eloquence and power to thank you in accordance with the presentation of these beautiful gifts. Rest assured that they are accepted with the most sincere thanks of my heart; and as often as I look upon them I shall think of your kind and sweet faces, which have been such a strong support to me during this Convention as well as during the past year. I shall take them to my home in Illinois — the State from which came Lincoln, Grant and Logan; and as often as I look upon them, I shall think of you and of this day. Ladies, I ask you one and all to come and drink tea with me, come at any time, and every one of you shall have a spoon; for I am sure there are plenty for all. Ladies, I thank you.

At the conclusion of the National President's remarks, Mrs. Burleigh of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Jackson of Tennessee, stated that their spoons would be sent.

Mrs. Hendricks of the Department of the Potomac arose and said: "Mrs. President, on behalf of my Department — the Department of the Potomac — I desire to present to you a token of our love, for what you have done for us, for your kindness and thoughtfulness for us and for your loyalty. We appreciate all that you have done for us, and above all the example you have set to us as a member of our Order, and as a law-abiding and worthy representative who esteems it an honor to wear our badge. Please accept this." [Silver water set, fruit dish and a pair candelabras.]

National President: The Department of the Potomac has been very loyal to me during my administration, and I prize this gift more than I can tell. Please accept my thanks. That is all that I can say.

Sarah L. Rothrock, Department President of Iowa, came to the front and said: "Our delegation desires to express its appreciation of our National President's administration. We take pleasure in presenting this. It is intended for bon-bons — sweet things. It is designed to symbolize our kindly feelings. We have not filled it. Had I tried to find one large enough to hold the love, sentiments and admiration which Iowa has for her National President, I doubt

if the whole delegation could have carried it. Mrs. President, we present this to you; and while it is not large, it would be impossible for any Department to present anything with more loyal love and devotion than Iowa has done."

National President: This gift is as beautiful as gold can be made. If it were one thousand times as large, and filled with sweets, it would not half express the love that has come to me during my administration from the Department of Iowa. I thank you, ladies. More I cannot say.

Lizabeth A. Turner, referring to the gift presented by Iowa, hoped the "anniversary of our National President might be extended to the golden one."

National President: I think it is hardly possible; but I hope if I reach that anniversary I shall find friends as true and loyal as those who come to me at this time.

Mary J. Train: Mrs. President, on behalf of the Department of Oregon, I present you this souvenir of silver as a token of its love and appreciation and good-will for its National President.

National President: Two more beautiful spoons from the far West. Ladies, I am receiving loyal expressions from one end of this Nation to the other, which are truly gratifying. Accept my thanks.

Mrs. Holmes of South Dakota: Your sisters in the far Northwest desire you to accept this little token of their great love and admiration for you.

National President: Another spoon. From the great Northwest—South Dakota. Ladies, I thank you very much.

Mrs. Turner stated that Commander-in-Chief Weissert desired to come at whatever hour the Convention could receive him, as he wished to pay his respects. It was moved by Mrs. Sherwood, seconded by Mrs. Littlefield, That he be received whenever he chose to present himself. [Carried.]

A delegate from Kentucky here presented a gift to the National President, saying: "As I think the President has enough spoons, I will ask her acceptance of this. We have not brought her a gift of silver. We have furnished her with some writing-paper, showing her that while she may not longer be our National President, we would be pleased to hear from her. I believe that is all that is necessary for me to say."

National President: I will assure Kentucky, with my most sincere thanks, that they will hear from me in the future, as I am now prepared to write.

Convention arose while Rev. Dr. Stakely was escorted out.

Mrs. Sherwood: Mrs. Logan wishes to extend a courtesy to this session.

Mary A. Logan: I am pleased to talk with you this morning for a little while. I have come to ask Mrs. Sanders to preside over a reception this evening, to be given at eight o'clock. There will not be such a crowd, I promise you, as upon the other evening, as this is to be by card. The Secretary will distribute these cards to this Convention during the day, together with the program, so that you may know what to expect.

National President: Mrs. Logan, we have a large amount of business to transact, and it may be necessary to hold an evening session. If so, I should feel that I was remiss in my duty were I to leave this large delegation of ladies to accept your kind invitation. If possible for me to do so, I will preside at the reception in compliance with your request.

Mrs. Logan: May I ask the ladies, if they find it possible, to try and avoid an evening session. Let the meeting go until tomorrow. This church will be at your disposal, subject to your order. I hope you will feel that you should accept the courtesies extended.

Mrs. Sherwood moved, That the Convention thank Mrs. Logan for her kind invitation and accept it. [No second.]

Mrs. Wickins: We have received the invitation extended to us and to our National President, and so far as possible for us to accept the courtesies, we will do so.

Mrs. Steismeier: May I ask a question? Have we come so far away from our homes to legislate for this business, or to attend a reception? I think we ought to hold an evening session. A great many want to go home. I have attended every session, although I left a sick husband to come here. I think it would be a mistake to attend this reception when we have business of so much importance before us. If we do not put in our time profitably, the delegates will all have gone home before we complete the business. I am willing to work as long as anyone; but I must go home before a great while.

Mrs. Logan then retired.

Mrs. Sherwood stated that the National President-elect was invited to the reception that evening, and that she had been asked to escort both the National President and the National President-elect to the reception.

Mrs. Turner again brought before the Convention the matter of the Colored Orphans' Home at Charleston, S. C., which had been mentioned yesterday, stating that the person representing the case was Rev. J. A. Jackson, 660 King Street, Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Knowles moved, That the incoming National President be instructed to issue a Special Order in reference to this Organization. [It was so ordered by the Convention.]

Mrs. Sherwood: I am the bearer of a message that should have been delivered long ago. I was pointed out yesterday, and some one asked if I was not the woman that had been up fourteen times. My message is this: The Rev. Dr. Bartlett wishes me to say that they are very proud to have us here; that they were delighted to honor the loyal women of this country in this way; that it was the first time that this church had been opened to any organization of men or women since the church has been founded, except for the usual church services. I move, That the thanks of this National Convention be expressed to Dr. Bartlett for this church, and to the people of his church for their kind hospitality to us on this occasion.

Seconded by Mrs. Burleigh. Carried.

Mrs. Burleigh: I was appointed a committee of one to see Mrs. Logan. I would like to say that the seat which was occupied by President Lincoln is in the vestibule, where every one can see it. I was told that President Lincoln actually occupied that seat and that he usually laid his hand upon the arm. Several members of our Colored Corps were grouped around it almost in adoration and saying, "Lincoln was our President."

The newly installed Commander-in-Chief being announced, Mrs. Craig introduced him.

Mrs. Craig: Mrs. President, I have the very distinguished honor of introducing to you the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

National President: It gives me much pleasure to receive this honorable delegation and to present them to this Convention. Please escort them to the platform.

National President: Ladies of the Tenth National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, the only accepted Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor and pleasure of introducing to you the present Commander-in-Chief, with two of his Staff. Ladies, Commander-in-Chief Weissert. Convention, salute. [Slight applause given, when the National President said, "The Convention has been instructed not to applaud."]

Commander-in-Chief: Other than applause already given me, ladies, there will be no necessity for applauding. [Laughter and slight applause.] I feel highly the honor, ladies, of standing before the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps. I am not here for the purpose of making a speech, nor do I propose that those who accompany me shall make a speech. You are detained here in your work, and do not care about being kept any longer than is absolutely necessary. But I do want to say to you, in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, that I look to the Woman's Relief Corps to give encouragement to the Grand Army of the Republic; and it shall give the Woman's Relief Corps the same. You have done much to assist the families of those of our suffering Comrades in the past, and we know that you will stand by them in the future. You have taught the children from the cradle up to manhood the great principles of Patriotism; and we, as survivors of the soldiers of the great war of the Republic, look to you to keep on in that good work. I am sure you will agree with me that had there been this general teaching of the principles of patriotism as we understand it, there would have been no occasion for this gathering today. I want you to continue in your good work. The country will be benefited thereby. Mrs. President, I thank you for the privilege of standing before this party. [Applause.]

National President: Ladies, the Adjutant-General.

E. B. Gray, Adjutant-General: I am glad to look you in the face for a moment. I am prohibited from making a speech to you by the order of my superior officer; but I invite you all to come to National Headquarters, and then I can talk to you, and will do so to the best of my ability. It gives me pleasure to see so many

ladies here. Women are here from almost every State. As the years go on you will be in the majority. I think it is the Lord's work for the brave women to teach the boys the patriotism of this great Nation.

National President: I wish to present the Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Illinois, Comrade Dietrich.

Comrade Dietrich: Ladies, I am exceedingly glad to even be permitted to say a word. As Comrade Gray has said, we are enjoined from making a speech, not that I do not wish to make one. I am proud to be a representative from old Illinois, the State from which you elected your own President. I hope that she will discharge her duties rightly, and know that she will, and hope that her successor whom you will elect will ever be as faithful in the work as our own sister from Illinois. One more word. In Chicago, we are about to have a World's Fair. We are going to establish Headquarters there for the reception not only of the Grand Army of the Republic, but our sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps. We hope to be able to grasp you by the hand, each and every one of you, during the coming year. I thank you for your attention. [Applause.]

National President: Comrades, on behalf of the National Convention I extend to you our thanks for your presence this afternoon, and will now ask the Committee on Courtesies to present to you a souvenir badge.

The Comrades were then escorted to the door.

Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Jones of Utah, moved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Citizens' Committee for the souvenir badge. [Carried.]

Mrs. Craig, before voting, desired to put herself on record as moving a vote of thanks of this Convention to Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins, Senior Vice-President, for the able manner in which she had conducted the business while the gavel was in her hands. Seconded by nearly everybody. [Carried.]

Mrs. Wickins: I desire to thank this Convention for their expression of appreciation for the little I have done in presiding. I have endeavored to fill the position in an unassuming and lady-like manner. So far as I knew how I have served you to the best of my ability. It is always pleasant to receive an expression of appreciation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

National President announced the following tellers: Mrs. Littlefield of Maine, chairman; Mrs. Carroll of Ohio, Mrs. Bradley of Illinois, Mrs. Willard of Michigan, Mrs. Manchester of Nebraska.

Nominations for National President declared in order.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I have the pleasure of placing in nomination the name of the one who has served us so faithfully and well during the past year. I nominate for National President for the coming year, Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders of Illinois.

Mrs. Sanders: Ladies, you know there is an unwritten law in the Woman's Relief Corps in regard to the re-election of National Presidents. I thank you for the courtesy, but must decline it in the same language I used when renominated for Department President of Illinois:—

“If there are honors let others share;
If there are burdens let others bear.”

Mrs. Bell: I move, That we thank Mrs. Sanders for her kindness to us during the year she has acted as National President. I am very sure she has given us faithful service, and it would be a pleasure to us if she were to be elected for another year.

Mrs. Sanders: I thank you, ladies.

Nominations for National President again declared in order.

Mrs. Moore: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention, as a representative of seven thousand women in the State of Kansas, I desire to present to you the name of a loyal woman, one who has served us for years and who is capable of serving in any capacity in our Corps—the one who has served us as National Senior Vice-President during the past year. One whose knowledge and experience in the work has fitted her to fill the position with credit. One who is known not only in her own State, but throughout the land. I present to you the name of Margaret R. Wickins.

Seconded by Mrs. Miller of Illinois.

Mrs. Craig: It has been said here that we must distribute our Presidents. Shall we allow one spot of earth upon which women live to determine the location of our Headquarters? No, it is women who can fill the position with credit that we want. We care not whether they are from the South, East, North or West.

We must have in the women that we entrust with the management of our National affairs the qualifications that will enable them to successfully handle the work of the Order. We cannot be too observant. There are many women in this Convention dear to me; but dearer to me than all is the welfare of this Order; and I trust when we come to elect the chief representative of our Order, we shall cast aside all prejudices and be loyal to the demands and necessities of the Woman's Relief Corps, looking forward to a united organization. Ladies of this Convention, there is none that is in my opinion more worthy than Mrs. Emma B. Lowd of Massachusetts. It is true that Massachusetts has had two National Presidents, but they were necessary to the very existence of the Order. Massachusetts was a Relief Corps State before the National organization was known of; so we took our National Presidents from that State in order to build up this organization. Since Massachusetts has given us a President, we have had one from California, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Illinois. Shall we stop here in the great West always? Has not our safety in the past been assured even though the administration was changed from one point to another—it has made no difference where. The lady whose name I have placed before you has never been an elected officer of the National organization; but she has served in every Department office, and also served upon several committees of the National organization. Every position in which she has been placed she has filled with credit to herself and this body.

Mrs. Deane of Massachusetts seconded Mrs. Lowd's nomination.

Mrs. Smith: Ladies, I come to present to you the name of one for this office of National President. I agree with the lady who has just spoken that we should know neither the West, South, East nor North. I come to present to you the name of one who has ably filled the position of Department President. Ladies, it is with great pride and pleasure that I present to you for your kind consideration the name of Mrs. Ellen M. Putnam of New York, whose able and efficient service is known and felt—one in whom you can repose entire confidence, in whose judgment you can rely with supreme faith; and her executive ability convinces you that she possesses the confidence of the Grand Army of the Republic. I, therefore, nominate Mrs. Ellen M. Putnam for National President.

Mrs. Mink: I wish to endorse the nomination of our Department President.

The National President having declared nominations closed, candidates were brought to the platform and introduced to Convention.

National President instructed that the Convention prepare ballots.

It was moved by Mrs. Barker, That it be considered legal to write simply the last name of the candidate upon the ballot, so as to facilitate matters. Declared to be legal by the Chair, and not put to vote.

Moved by Mrs. Battels, seconded by Mrs. Miller of Illinois, That a friend of each candidate go out with the tellers. Carried.

Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Mink and Mrs. Moore were instructed to accompany them. Ballot declared closed and tellers instructed to collect the votes.

Result of ballot for National President :—

Total number of votes cast, 242 ; necessary to a choice, 122.

Mrs. Lowd	105
Mrs. Wickins	101
Mrs. Putnam	35
Scattering	1

There being no election, instructions were given to again prepare ballots for National President.

Mrs. Putnam withdrew, seconding Mrs. Lowd's nomination.

Mrs. Deane stated that some of her delegation did not vote. Mrs. Sanders stated that proper inquiry had been made before ballot was ordered closed.

National President announced the names of the two remaining candidates.

Ballot declared closed and tellers retired.

Result of second ballot for National President :—

Total number of votes cast, 241 ; necessary to a choice, 122.

Mrs. Lowd	120
Mrs. Wickins	119
Mrs. Putnam	2

No election. National President instructed tellers to again prepare ballots.

Result of third ballot for National President:—

Total number of votes cast, 199; necessary to a choice, 100.

Mrs. Wickins	. . . . .	101
Mrs. Lowd	. . . . .	97
Scattering	. . . . .	1

National President: Mrs. Wickins has been duly elected as National President for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Lowd: For the second time in my life I have the pleasure of offering congratulations to the newly-elected National President. I do not think she is to be envied. She is taking a great trust, and I pray that God may give her strength and grace.

Some one who did not state name moved, That Mrs. Emma B. Lowd be elected by acclamation as Senior Vice-President.

Mrs. Lowd emphatically declined the honor.

Mrs. Wickins: Ladies, as the newly elected President of this Convention, I wish to thank you. I had not anticipated this. I was congratulating myself that I should go back to Kansas less burdened than I now shall. I should like to assure you, ladies of this Convention, that I never sought this position. My delegation—both the Woman's Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic—desired to know if I would like to have it. I hope nothing unpleasant has occurred in the election. I shall accept this position which has been offered me, and shall fill it to the best of my ability. I feel that I have a hard work before me. The past three days' work makes me realize something of what is before me. I appreciate your kindness, and the expression of confidence which you have extended. I believe we of this Order appreciate all that comes to us as the Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the grandest Order and the noblest body of people in the Nation. I will pledge you my best work for the coming year. There will be mistakes and errors: it would be impossible to avoid them. Ladies, I cannot do this work alone. Every member of this organization is to a certain extent responsible for the work of the Order. There are about one hundred and forty thousand women at present members of this Order. It is a pleasure to me this year to fill this position, and to go to my birthplace with the National Convention. Indianapolis was my birthplace. Ladies, I thank you very much.

Nominations for Senior Vice-President declared in order.

Mrs. Turner: I have the pleasure of putting in nomination the name of Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie Hood of California for National Senior Vice-President. She has been Department President, and is strongly recommended by our Past National President, Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne. She is a brave woman, and has filled every office which she has held with honest, faithful work.

Seconded by Utah, Rhode Island, and Mrs. Knowles.

Mrs. McHenry nominated Mrs. Ida V. Hendricks of the Department of the Potomac. Seconded by the following States: Michigan, Department of the Potomac, South Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Minnesota, and Mrs. Steismeier.

No other nominations being made, the President declared same closed.

Tellers not all being present, Mrs. Cheney was appointed to fill Mrs. Carroll's place. Mrs. Steismeier in place of Mrs. Bradley.

National President: I declare the ballot closed.

Mrs. Turner called attention to the fact that one of the delegates who had just entered had not voted, and asked that the ballot be opened to allow her to do so. Permission was granted, although the circumstances were said by the National President to be unusual.

Result of ballot for Senior Vice-President:—

Total number of votes cast, 110; necessary for a choice, 56.

Mrs. Hendricks	57
Mrs. Hood	53

Mrs. Hendricks declared duly elected National Senior Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Nominations declared in order for Junior Vice-President.

Mrs. Emily L. Sibley: Rhode Island, as we know, is a very small State; but it is loyal. We do not expect very much; but I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Mrs. Mary M. Brown of Rhode Island as National Junior Vice-President. Seconded by Utah and Mrs. Steismeier, the latter saying, "I have seen how faithfully this lady has worked with us here."

Mrs. Amer of New Jersey: We represent a small State, but a very worthy one, — one which sent a large army of men to the

front when they were needed. I have the pleasure of presenting to this Convention the name of Mrs. Abbie J. Whittier of New Jersey for National Junior Vice-President. She is a faithful worker, and whatever is given her to do she does well.

Mrs. Hampton: I take great pleasure in seconding this nomination. Mrs. Whittier was Department President when I was National President; and I can heartily commend her for her efficient and conscientious work; and I can say that she is worthy of all that we can bestow upon her.

Nominations declared closed, and Convention instructed to prepare ballots for Junior Vice-President.

Result of ballot for Junior Vice-President:—

Total number of votes cast, 129; necessary for a choice, 65.

Mrs. Whittier	.	.	.	.	.	101
Mrs. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	28

Mrs. Whittier declared duly elected National Junior Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Brown of Rhode Island asked to be allowed to present Mrs. Whittier to the Convention, which was granted.

Nominations declared to be in order for Treasurer. Mrs. Turner nominated Mrs. Cheney, and moved, That she be elected by acclamation. Seconded by several and carried. Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Cheney. Mrs. Cheney declared elected National Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Nominations in order for National Chaplain. Mrs. Littlefield nominated Mrs. Knowles. Seconded by Mrs. Manchester.

Mrs. Mink moved, That the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Knowles, making her election unanimous. [Seconded by Mrs. Littlefield. Carried. Mrs. Knowles declared duly elected Chaplain for ensuing year.]

National President: Nominations are in order for members of Executive Board; that of Chairman is first in order.

Mrs. Turner nominated Mrs. Hood. Seconded by several. No other nominations being made, Mrs. Turner moved, That the Secretary cast a ballot for Mrs. Hood. Seconded by Mrs. Nichols. Carried. Mrs. Hood declared elected Chairman of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Hitt nominated Mrs. Littlefield as second member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Rhode Island. Mrs. Bain of Department of the Potomac was also nominated. Nominations closed.

Ballot declared closed.

Mrs. Fuller: I wish to present the National Chaplain to this Convention. Mrs. President and Ladies of this Convention, it is a pleasure and honor for me to present to you the National Chaplain-elect, Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past Department President of Massachusetts, and a woman whom to know is to love.

Mrs. Knowles: I thank you, ladies, for this courtesy. It is the highest position to which a person could be elected. The two years that I served as Department Chaplain of Massachusetts were the happiest of my life in my Relief Corps work.

Result of ballot for second member of the Executive Board:—

Total number of votes cast, 142; necessary for a choice, 72.

Mrs. Littlefield	81
Mrs. Bain	60
Scattering	1

Mrs. Littlefield declared duly elected second member of Board.

Nominations in order for third member. Mrs. Bradley nominated Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford of Illinois. Seconded.

Mrs. Reynolds of Kentucky nominated Mrs. Sarah E. Runnells of New Hampshire. Seconded. Mrs. Carr of Colorado was also nominated. Seconded by several.

Nominations closed, and Convention instructed to prepare ballots.

Result of ballot for third member of Executive Board:—

Total number of votes cast, 141; necessary to a choice, 72.

Mrs. Bradford	63
Mrs. Runnells	47
Mrs. Carr	31

No election. Convention directed to again prepare ballots for third member of the Board.

Ballot declared closed.

Mrs. Bradley reported a woman who had not voted. National President replied that she had no authority to re-open the ballot. Moved by Mrs. Lowd, seconded by Mrs. Dodge, That the lady be allowed to vote. [Carried.]

Result of second ballot for third member of Executive Board : —
Total number of votes cast, 147 ; necessary to a choice, 74.

Mrs. Bradford	69
Mrs. Runnells	52
Mrs. Carr	26

No election. Convention instructed to again prepare ballots for third member of the Executive Board. Being third ballot, Mrs. Carr's name was dropped. Mrs. Runnells withdrew.

Miss Hopkins moved, That, as but one candidate was left, the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for her. [Seconded by Mrs. Turner of Washington. Carried.]

Mrs. Bradford declared elected the third member of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Bradley nominated Mrs. Runnells as the fourth member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Augusta S. Bennett of New Hampshire.

Mrs. Wyman moved, That the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot, making Mrs. Runnells the fourth member of the Executive Board. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Runnells declared duly elected fourth member of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Hampton nominated Mary E. Leavens of Minnesota as the fifth member. Seconded by Mrs. Manchester.

Mrs. Brown of Rhode Island nominated Mrs. Butterfield. Seconded. Mrs. Hotchkiss of Colorado nominated Mrs. Carr. Seconded. Nominations closed. Ballot declared closed.

Result of first ballot for fifth member of Executive Board : —
Total number of votes cast, 133 ; necessary for a choice, 67.

Mrs. Carr	47
Mrs. Leavens	45
Mrs. Butterfield	41

No election. Convention instructed to again prepare ballots. Ballot declared closed.

Result of second ballot for fifth member of Executive Board : —
Total number of votes cast, 131 ; necessary for a choice, 66.

Mrs. Carr	52
Mrs. Leavens	42
Mrs. Butterfield	37

No election. Instructions given to prepare for third ballot, there being but two candidates, Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Leavens.

Mrs. McDonald of Maine appointed as Teller in place of Mrs. Cheney.

Ballot declared closed.

Result of third ballot for fifth member of Executive Board:—

Total number of votes cast, 119; necessary to a choice, 60.

Mrs. Leavens	60
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Mrs. Carr	59
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Mrs. Leavens declared duly elected the fifth member of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Wittenmyer brought her journal, *Home and Country*, before the Convention for the benefit of delegates or any others who might wish to subscribe.

Mrs. Turner stated the amount she had received so far for the benefit of Deep Creek family.

Oklahoma presented a request for any contributions in the way of flags or other decorations the Corps represented in the Convention could send.

Mrs. Fuller desired a vote of thanks to the young members of the Order, Messengers, Conductors, Guards and Aids, for their kindness. Mrs. Turner heartily endorsed this.

Mrs. Hampton moved, That when Journal of Convention is printed, all matter pertaining to one subject, where it has been interrupted by election or otherwise, be printed consecutively, and not be scattered promiscuously through the book, so that the line of action may be more correctly traced. Seconded by Mrs. McHenry and Mrs. Caswell. [Carried.]

Mrs. Muller of Tennessee brought a matter before the Convention relating to the National Park at or near Chattanooga, and the establishment of a Memorial Hall.

At the close of Mrs. Muller's reading, the National President said: "You have heard the reading by the lady from Tennessee." Moved by Mrs. McHenry, seconded by Mrs. Brown from Rhode Island, That the National Convention heartily endorse the work. [Carried.]

Mrs. Muller: We have not yet commenced the work, and may be obliged to ask for help before we get through.

It was moved by a delegate from Massachusetts, That the representation to the National Convention in future be one for every 900 instead of for every 700 as now, and one for every fraction of over half that number, and added, "I think our National Conventions are getting to be too large."

Mrs. Miller of Illinois moved to amend by making it one for every 800 instead of 900. Seconded by Mrs. Lulu A. Mann of Massachusetts.

Question.

Mrs. Brown of Rhode Island: I hope this motion will not carry. Many Departments have arranged their Convention Districts and laid out their work for the coming year.

Mrs. Bodge of Connecticut: I hope this motion will not prevail. It would cause a large amount of unnecessary work and confusion. It might work all right in the larger Departments, but it would seriously affect our smaller Departments.

Mrs. Sara E. Holmes of South Dakota: I disapprove of any change.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I hope there will be no change in the representation. We have always managed to accommodate our delegations, and for the past two or three years they have been as large as at this time.

Mrs. Kennedy of Colorado: It would work a very great hardship to the smaller Departments I feel certain, or to those in the far West. It might be satisfactory to those east of the Mississippi River, as they are all larger.

Mrs. Hitt: The Convention next year is to be held in Indianapolis. I would like to say to the ladies that we have plenty of churches large enough to accommodate this Convention, and as much larger as you choose to send us. So far as that is concerned, do not distress yourselves about it.

Mrs. Train of Oregon: I hope this will not prevail; because we have toiled so hard to get two delegates, and I am here alone. I have been utterly lost in this Convention. I have not even found a delegate's badge nor anything scarcely, because they look around for large delegations. I have been moved from one place to another,

and could hardly find a place to rest. I hope this motion will not prevail, as I said, because I feel lost here by myself. [Secretary supplied Mrs. Train with a delegate's badge.]

Another said: We have only one delegate here, and I hope it will not prevail.

Mrs. Miller: I would like to withdraw my amendment. [Second agreed to her doing so.]

Mrs. Steismeier: I would like to move that this matter remain as it was last year; that is, one for every seven hundred.

This motion was, by unanimous consent, allowed; and representation remains unchanged.

Mrs. Bodge of Connecticut, asked if a motion was in order. Being told that it was, she said: I would like to move in favor of our hardest worked women in this Order. When they pass out of office they have no representation. I mean our Past National Secretaries and Treasurers. I think they should have as much right to representation as the Junior Vice-President. They understand the work of the Order from the beginning to the end. I move, That they have a vote in our National Convention. [Seconded by Mrs. Caswell of North Dakota, and Mrs. Whittier of New Jersey.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I want to speak upon the question of Past National Secretaries and Treasurers having representation. I have considered it very carefully. I have looked over our rosters and counted how many Past Treasurers we have. We have one; and she, having acted as Senior Vice-President, is a delegate under that. She cannot vote twice.

Mrs. Nichols: I think that these ladies should have a vote. It would not make over three or more votes at the very farthest. Have we any way of telling just how many it would add?

Mrs. Bodge: I think four, or perhaps five.

Miss Hopkins: Would it not be well to add the same to our number. So far as the Junior Vice-President is concerned, she has little work usually to do in a Convention. It seems to me that the Secretary who has so much and is so familiar with the work should have preference in voting over the Junior Vice-President.

Motion. Carried.

Mrs. Wales: Our Rules and Regulations provide that certain persons shall be members of our National and Department Conventions; but the same persons who are entitled to seats in the

National, do not necessarily have that privilege in their own Department Conventions, with the exception of Past Department Presidents. There are women of large experience, who have served as National officers, who for various reasons cannot serve as Department Presidents, and the only way in which we can allow them a seat in their own Department Conventions, is by electing them as delegates. I therefore move, That Past National officers, who are entitled to seats in National Convention, be allowed the same privilege in their respective Department Conventions, provided Departments so desire.

Mrs. Miller: I would like to offer as an amendment that the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents shall be members of each Department Convention, without leaving it to the vote of the Department.

Some one asked: Are the same persons entitled to representation in their own Department, by vote of that Department, which are entitled to seats in the National?

Mrs. Steismeier: Do you not think there is an easier way out of that? I do not think the National Convention ought to put any option on Departments in that matter.

Mrs. Kennedy: I would like to cite an instance which I think will cover the matter. The person was a past Junior Vice-President of the National Convention. We have always been asked if she had no seat in our Department Convention. My idea has been that Departments should give these persons seats in their Conventions by virtue of their past office in the National. I think that would make the matter plain.

Mrs. Hampton: The Rules and Regulations are that such a person having served such a time as such an officer is entitled to representation, and that such and such parties are entitled to seats in the Department Convention. I think you are going to murder these Rules and Regulations. Every Corps has a chance to send proper persons to the Department Convention; and I would recommend that it is always desirable that such persons should at least serve their own Corps as Corps President before they are elected to offices by the Department.

Mrs. Steismeier: It is not always possible to elect these persons to the position as Department President. Perhaps they cannot be persuaded to accept it.

Mrs. Sanders here asked Mrs. Wales if she would accept the amendment which was offered. She declined to do so.

Mrs. Miller, with the consent of the Convention, withdrew her amendment.

Miss Hopkins thought this also interfered with the Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Wales desired to know who made the Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Reavely: I understand we have a right in the National Convention to make Rules and Regulations.

Miss Hopkins: I do feel that this question now before us is more important than many of you think. A great many are going away, and they will be sorry afterwards that they did not remain and see it disposed of.

Mrs. McHenry: I wish to amend this motion. From my experience in Department work, I feel convinced that as it now stands, there will be distress and disorder in the different Departments concerning it; and I desire to amend it by making it become a law to all Departments.

Mrs. Manchester: I arose to make a motion that we strike out that last part of the clause reading, "If Departments so desire," and have it become mandatory upon everybody.

Mrs. McHenry withdrew her amendment.

The original question was put, "That National officers who are entitled to seats in the National Convention be allowed seats in their respective Department Conventions." [Carried.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer moved, That the next session be held at ten minutes of nine P.M., and that the present session adjourn for supper. [Seconded by Mrs. Miller.]

Mrs. Barker: We have been here all day now, and I must protest against a third session. I think we have some rights that we are entitled to, and I think the most of the ladies of this Convention are tired out.

Mrs. Wales: I must go home at half past seven o'clock tomorrow morning; and there are so many things which I have to do that are not done. I think forty minutes will be ample time for nearly everyone to get their supper; and I think we ought to hold an evening session.

Mrs. Bradley : There are hundreds of delegates going home tomorrow; and unless we have a night session we shall not get through.

Mrs. Henderson : I came a long way to this Convention. I have been faithful; I have attended every session; I have not been anywhere else; and I want to leave tomorrow if I possibly can. We do not like the idea of coming so far and then being obliged to go home before the work is finished.

Mrs. Train : I came all the way from Oregon, and I must go home tomorrow. This is the first time I ever was in Washington; and I have been nowhere at all except in this Hall. I did not want to lose any of the proceedings of the Convention. I would like to stay until it is over; but I must go home tomorrow.

Question was finally put. Declared adjourned until 9 P.M.

FRIDAY — EVENING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9 P.M. Guards asked in regard to members entering by password. Secretary read an invitation from the Women's Christian Temperance Union to attend a reception given by them on Saturday evening.

Report of Committee on Woman's Relief Corps Home called for by the National President. Read by Mrs. Wales.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME.

The Committee on the report of the officers of the W. R. C. Home respectfully submits the following report : —

A careful examination of the report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors convinces the Committee that the business has been well managed. A balance on hand of \$1,000, notwithstanding extra expenditures, proves this.

It is a matter of regret that so few women are willing to avail themselves of the comforts and luxuries of the Home.

The Committee endorses and recommends the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 (page 191), feeling that the arduous and not altogether pleasant duties of the Matron at that time entitle her to such recognition.

In view of the immense amount of work required of the Secretary of the Board of Directors, the Committee recommends the adoption of Recommendation No. 2.

The Committee recommends the adoption of Recommendation No. 3, as this seems to be the special duty of the Pension Committee.

Fully realizing the indebtedness to those who so nobly championed its cause, the Committee recommends the adoption of Recommendation No. 4.

The concise and comprehensive report of the Secretary of the Board is worthy of special notice; yet it gives but a slight idea of the vast amount of labor performed by that faithful and efficient officer.

The Committee heartily endorses the action of the Board, as reported on page 192, in placing in the hands of the Matron a contingent fund of \$50.00.

The Committee especially calls attention to the report of the Committee on Rules governing the disposition of pensions received by inmates of the Home (page 193). So much being given to the women who avail themselves of the comforts of the Home, it seems but just that they in turn should contribute a part of this bounty, received from the Government, for the benefit of those less fortunate; and the Committee heartily endorses this rule, it being in accordance with that adopted in the various Homes for Veterans. The financial plan as adopted (page 194) appears to be an excellent one, thereby securing accuracy of accounts and relieving the National Treasurer from a vast amount of work, as well as a saving of time and money.

The graphic description of the famous Ohio Cottage brings to those who have not been permitted to visit it, not only the building itself, but the generosity and loyalty of the State of Ohio: the occupancy of this building not being confined wholly to women from that State, they taking precedence however. The Committee call special attention to that part of the report referring to applications for admission (page 198). The number of cases pending and approved, exceeding so far those of the actual admissions, shows a delinquency on the part of those making application

which must cause extra labor and annoyance to the Secretary; the Committee suggests that the co-operation of Department Presidents would expedite such cases in many instances.

The Committee recommends the adoption of Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2 (page 199), the latter seeming necessary in order that the Secretary be informed of the changes in the various Departments with which she is obliged to correspond.

The careful and explicit report of the Matron proves that the right woman is in the right place and represents a vast amount of work.

The many donations reported show the great interest taken in the Home, not only by Departments and Corps, but by the citizens of Madison.

It would seem from even a casual glance at the inventory of supplies, on page 210, that except in the event of some direful disaster, there are a sufficient number of sheets, pillow-slips, towels and quilts of various kinds to outlast any possible demand for some time, while the supply of table linen hardly equals the present need.

The Committee suggests that those sending donations should be somewhat governed by this report of supplies. The amount of the current expenses shows the economy with which this branch of the work has been conducted, amounting only to \$141 *per capita*.

The large number of visitors reported indicates the interest taken in the Home; but the report of the contributions received in the "mite-box" hardly corresponds. It may be that this is the result of placing said box in an obscure corner, rather than any oversight on the part of the many hundreds who have enjoyed its hospitality.

While the report of the Physician does not contain a formal recommendation, the suggestion on page 218 with regard to preparing a separate portion of one of the buildings for a proper hospital is worthy of our attention. The Committee recommends the adoption of this plan.

The entire report shows a faithful and conscientious performance of duties entrusted to the various officers of the Board

and Home, and the earnest thanks of the National Organization are due to the women who have carried on this work with so much success and credit.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

AUGUSTA A. WALES,
CAROLINE H. BELL,
IDA WILSON MOORE,
AMERICA ANDERSON,
ANNIE CLEARY,

Committee.

National President : What is the pleasure of the Convention in regard to the report of the Committee on the Woman's Relief Corps Home ?

Moved by Mrs. Craig, That the report of the Committee be accepted, and that the recommendations be adopted with the exception of No. 3.

Seconded by Mrs. Brown. Carried.

Mrs. Barker : What is a quorum of the National Convention ? I have been asked but never knew what constituted a quorum of the National Convention. I do not know that I ever heard it defined.

Mrs. Sanders asked Mrs. Wittenmyer to answer the question.

Mrs. Wittenmyer : There has never been a decision on that question, to my knowledge; but with the large number of voting members that we have here, there is certainly a quorum.

The Department Commander of Kansas was said to be at the door with his Staff, desiring to present greetings. Business of Convention suspended by common consent, and Committee instructed to present the Comrades.

Mrs. Myerhoff : Mrs. President, I have the pleasure of introducing to you, Department Commander Green of Kansas, and the Kansas delegation.

National President : I am pleased to meet you, Comrades. Will the Committee on Courtesies conduct the Comrades to the platform. Ladies, I have the pleasure of presenting to you these Comrades from the Sunflower State, as you will see by the badges they wear. We shall take pleasure in listening to a few remarks from the Chairman of the delegation.

Department Commander Green: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States, we have come here tonight representing the old State of Kansas, to thank you ladies for the honor you have conferred upon us and our State in selecting one of our grand women for your President. It will rejoice those we left behind in Kansas when it is flashed over the wires that Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins of Kansas is the newly-elected President of the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to you for it. I wish for myself to say a few words. I know that the brevity of time makes it necessary for me to say as little as possible, and I cannot therefore say as much as I would like for the State, and for the feelings of gratitude, of respect and admiration, that I have for the Woman's Relief Corps. I will take time to say that I regard this as the grandest body of women in America; and I make no exceptions. I believe they will figure in the important history of this country. I do not think the American history does justice to the grand women who sustained our brave men in the field, and ministered to the suffering, and the wounded and distressed, and who in times of peace have so helped to honor and glorify and sanctify and ennoble our country; but now, wherever the badge of your Order is seen, as women, you command the profoundest respect of not only the old soldiers, but every one, while you are carrying on the work of your Order. All over our States, in the country, in schools, in cities, everywhere in our homes, the work of the Woman's Relief Corps has influenced for good. In closing, I simply want to say that we appreciate your work, and we thank you for what you have done.

Vice-Commander Gerow: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States, I should be faithless to the State which I represent did I fail in the performance of my duty both to the Grand Army of the Republic and to its Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Now I want to say but one word of grateful thanks for what you have done for us; for if there is any one woman among the thousands of noble women in Kansas, who is a Grand Army woman of the State and of our particular work, that woman is Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins. She has elevated, maintained, has been the authority of the Grand Army from the time of her initiation into the Woman's Relief Corps up to this

time; and today, through your kindness, she has been elected the Chief Executive Officer of the Order — not alone over the noblest organization of women in America, but of the noblest, largest organization of women banded together for loyal work there is in the world. And on behalf of this delegation of the State of Kansas, I speak the sentiments of my own heart, and most gratefully and sincerely express to you our thanks for your great kindness. I am sure that her administration will be resplendent with a glory that will give additional lustre to the already bright name of the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States of America. I thank you, ladies. [Applause.]

National President: I wish to return the thanks of the Woman's Relief Corps for your very kind words. The Committee on Courtesies will escort the Comrades from the hall.

National President asked if any other Committees were ready to report. Those upon reports of National Treasurer and the Pension Committee were reported ready.

In absence of regular Chairman, Mrs. Bliss presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF CHAIRMAN AND
SECRETARY OF PENSION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. President and Members of Tenth National Convention:

We, the Committee appointed on the Report of Pension Committee, have carefully examined the same and most respectfully report as follows:—

We would first call attention to that part of the report referring to Army Nurses securing evidence and conducting necessary correspondence for the prosecution of claims. We heartily concur with the opinion expressed in the report that Department Relief Committees can render valuable assistance and should do so whenever necessary, and that it should be understood by all Departments that this is a special line of duty for said Committee.

The grand result of the work of those connected with this great question, proves how faithfully they performed the duties assigned them. We heartily endorse the report and recommend its adoption.

Chairman's recommendations (page 181): The Committee approve the adoption of Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2. Com-

mittee favor the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 in cases where soldiers' wives are cared for at the Home. Committee *heartily* endorse Recommendation No. 4 and recommend its adoption.

Recommendations of Secretary (page 187): Committee also approve of Recommendation No. 1 of Secretary's Report. The Committee also *most heartily* approve of Recommendation No. 2.

Recommendation No. 3 (Secretary's Report). We feel that the thanks of Tenth National Convention are due and should be extended by a *rising* vote to these noble women who have labored so long and earnestly for this grand cause.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

FANNIE B. MATTHEWS,

ALLASEBA M. BLISS,

MELISSA CAYLOR,

MARY E. STARKWEATHER,

HATTIE H. WILLARD,

Committee.

Mrs. Turner moved, That these recommendations be acted upon without a re-hearing of them. [Seconded by Mrs. Steismeier. Carried.]

Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2, Chairman's Report. Approved by Committee.

Moved by Miss Hopkins, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2, Chairman's Report, be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 3, Chairman's Report. Moved by Mrs. Brown of Michigan, seconded by Mrs. Nichols of Iowa, That report of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Nichols: I seconded this motion without a very clear understanding of it.

Mrs. Turner: There is a movement being made in all the National Homes that there be allowed in every Home both male and female, under the care of suitable head or matron.

Mrs. Lowd: This law which the General Government is providing for is to go into all Homes — all of them, whether men or women are received there. The Government has already taken the matter up, and the adoption of this recommendation would simply show an appreciation of this work. I move, That we adopt the recommendation. [Question. Lost.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer moved the adoption of original recommendation No. 3, Chairman of Pension Committee, as it now stands. Seconded by several. Carried.

Recommendation No. 4, Chairman's Report. Committee heartily endorse and recommend its adoption. Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That it be adopted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer: While we are upon the report of the Pension Committee, I would like to make a few remarks in regard to the matter. I am very deeply interested in this question. There are a great many old soldiers who have heretofore been supported at home through the Corps. They have been getting their pensions quarterly; but owing to the fact of sickness, or being out of employment, they have not been able to get along. Their wives are making a struggle at home and some of them going to the poor-house. The husbands are at the Home; and as long as they are cared for they do not think of their wives. It is not fair nor just that this Government should supply these men with what they need and support them, and then give them a pension to waste, and let their families suffer at home for the necessities of life. I have taken some steps toward influencing the legislature in that direction. I hope we shall have the co-operation of this Convention.

Mrs. Turner of Washington: What Mrs. Wittenmyer has said, I can endorse. I know that there are saloons only just outside the Home; and the Government devised means of keeping the old soldiers in for ten days after they were paid their pensions. Of course the soldiers stayed in for ten days, because if they went out some would spend their money for drink.

Mrs. Craig: We must affect legislation. We all heartily approve this recommendation. I hope we shall all vote properly upon this subject. I do not think there need be any discussion.

Mrs. Lowd: As one of the old members of the Board of Directors of the National Home, and of the Committee on the Home, I have devoted a great deal of attention to this especial subject during the past year. In formulating our rules this question of pensions came up; and in pursuance of my duty, I corresponded with the Superintendents of Homes in nearly every State, and found that some such law as this must be established. As Chairman of Committee on Rules for the National Home, I

most heartily and emphatically endorse this. Some means must be adopted whereby this can be put in effect. The soldiers in the Home have their pensions, while their families are wholly unprovided for. Many of the Homes have already adopted that law. Several others have the law already in operation, and provision is made that the pension shall be turned over each month or each quarter as it is paid, and that amount is to go to the maintenance of their families. A small portion is, of course, given to the veteran for spending money. I most heartily approve of this recommendation and believe there should be still more emphatic voting. I would move as an amendment to this, That the Board of Directors be instructed to co-operate with the Management of the Homes in this country, both State and National, to get the law before Congress in such a manner that this money can be collected. [Seconded by Mrs. Barker.]

Mrs. Lowd again stated her amendment. It was carried.

Chairman of Committee again resumed, calling attention to page 187, Secretary's Report, Pension Committee.

Recommendation No. 1. Moved by Miss Hopkins, seconded by Mrs. Rowland of Ohio, That it be adopted. [Carried.]

Chairman Bliss: The matter now before us is to take from the table a recommendation that was laid upon it this morning.

National President: You have heard the recommendation. What is the pleasure of the Convention?

Mrs. Wittenmyer moved, That the report of the Committee be taken from the table. Seconded by Mrs. Turner. [Carried.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer (referring to Recommendation No. 2, page 53, President's Address): It is my understanding that Mrs. Sherwood, who was Chairman of that Committee, made this report on request. I have had nothing to do with it. It is for you in your best judgment to decide. I do not know what is best; but I will say to the ladies that I do know there is a great deal of hard work to be done.

National President: Mrs. Wittenmyer knew nothing about this. Mrs. Sherwood wrote the recommendation and sent it to me, telling what she proposed to do, and desired to have it included among these recommendations and presented to this Convention.

Mrs. Steismeier: What did the Committee recommend on that?

National President: The Committee recommended its adoption.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Turner, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Miss Hopkins: I would like to ask for some information in regard to the work of this Pension Committee.

Some one replied: That portion of the work has already been transferred to the Home Committee.

Miss Hopkins: I should not know what to say about this. It would certainly seem that we should have a Pension Committee.

Mrs. Reed of New Jersey moved, That the Pension Committee having been abolished, there should be some one approved by the Convention to take charge of the matter — some member of the Home Board.

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Flagg of Michigan, That it be referred to the Home Board. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 2. Heartily approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Turner of Washington and seconded, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 3. Approved by the Committee. Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, seconded by Mrs. Craig, That it be adopted. [Carried.]

National President: What shall be done with the report of the Committee as a whole?

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Miss Hopkins, That it be accepted by the Convention and the Committee discharged. [Carried.]

Delegation from the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, said to be at the door. Committee on Courtesies instructed to escort them to the hall.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced the delegation as follows: Mrs. President, I have the pleasure of introducing Comrades Bickford, Hendricks and McCabe.

National President: It gives me pleasure to welcome you to our Convention. Please escort the Comrades to the platform. Ladies, I take great pleasure in presenting to you these Comrades from the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic. We will be pleased to hear a few words from you. (Comrade Coulter of Kansas accompanied these gentlemen.)

Comrade Bickford: Mrs. President, Ladies of the Convention, we called this evening to pay our respects to your President and to your Convention. We have Comrades with us who desire to say a few words to you. We are here to represent the Department of the Potomac. We are glad to see you, and we trust that you are having a successful Convention, and that you will not hereafter be perplexed as we know you have been heretofore. Ladies, I thank you, and will give way to Comrade Hendricks.

Comrade Hendricks, Adjt.-Gen. Dept. Potomac, G. A. R.: Mrs. President and Ladies, as the official representative of the Department of the Potomac, it is well for me to say, in the absence of our Department Commander, that he would have been with us were it not for the fact that he is participating in a reception given tonight, and he finds it necessary that he should be there. I will detain you but a moment. We are here for more than one reason. One is, because we like to be in the presence of ladies. That is one good reason. Another is that we understand the efforts the ladies are making to do their work. Another reason is, that we approve of your efforts and your very strong measures to perpetuate loyalty and patriotism. I may say that not only these three reasons (for there are many), but these three are strong enough to attract us to you. Had it not been for the fact that we have been buoyed up by your help and your aid, we should not be here this evening. We made an effort to reach you sooner; but owing to circumstances not under our control, but perhaps under yours, we were unable to obtain the countersign. We wish to bid you God-speed in the effort you are making. We all hope this will be one of the most successful, and that it will culminate in the happiest, Convention of your lives.

National President: Ladies, with your permission, I will extend to these Comrades from the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, our delegate's badge and our most heartfelt thanks for their kind encouragement and greetings. Committee on Courtesies will please escort these gentlemen to the door.

Mrs. Bancroft, Chairman of the Committee on Report of the National Senior Vice-President, read report and recommended the adoption of same.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NAT'L SEN. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. President: Your Committee, to whom was assigned the examination of report of the Senior Vice-President, beg leave to submit the following:—

We have reviewed the same, and there being no recommendations, we heartily approve the sentiments therein expressed, the promptness with which she honored and discharged all duties that came to her in connection with the work, and her earnestness at all times in promoting the growth and prosperity of our beloved Order. We commend the spirit shown by our Senior Vice-President, evidenced by her many visits in the Departments of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, stimulating a renewed interest in everything that pertains to continued usefulness and prosperity. We recommend the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY E. BANCROFT,
 ELLA BOGGS,
 ABBIE R. FLAGG,
 AMANDA T. NEWCOMB,
 MARY S. MCFIE,

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Steismeier, seconded by Mrs. Perry of Michigan, That it be adopted. [Carried.]

The Report of Committee on the National Treasurer's Report was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Bryson, of South Dakota:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. President: The Committee on the National Treasurer's Report has carefully reviewed the work of the year. We take great pleasure in expressing our commendation of the conscientious and thorough manner in which the work has been performed. We wish particularly to call the attention of this Convention to what the Treasurer has said in regard to the decrease in assets. We urge you to be very cautious in passing resolutions incurring expenses that are *not* absolutely necessary.

The National Treasurer requests that the following recommendation be substituted for No. 1: "As the badges of National officers revert with office and payment for the same is required,

therefore, I recommend that Sect. 11, Art. XIV., Chap. V., be abolished and ordered eliminated from Rules and Regulations." Approved by Committee.

Recommendation No. 2: Not approved by Committee.

Recommendation No. 3: The Committee recommends that it be laid on the table until action has been taken on Resolution No. 52.

Recommendation No. 4: Approved by Committee.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

LUCY P. BRYSON,
FANNY E. MINOT,
MARGARET G. TRACEY,
EMMA H. WYMAN,
ELIZA C. PILLSBURY,
Committee.

National President: What is the pleasure of the Convention in regard to these recommendations? Moved by Mrs. Brown of Rhode Island, seconded by Mrs. Steismeier, That they be acted upon separately. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 1, Treasurer's Report. Moved by Mrs. Mink, seconded by Mrs. McHenry, That the report of the Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 2. Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Perry, That the report of Committee be sustained.

Discussion followed. Mrs. Steismeier desired that the recommendation be read, so the Convention would know upon what it was talking.

Mrs. Cheney: I think I shall have to make an explanation in regard to that recommendation. It frequently happens that the members send to me direct for badges. How do I know whether they are in good standing or not? It seems to me necessary that the Departments should know something about it, and if they obtain their badges from their Departments, that it will know positively whether they are in good standing. It is supposed, of course, that they are. A great many, of course, prefer to keep their badges and pay for them; others prefer to return them.

Mrs. Turner: I do not see how the Department Treasurers have any right to do that. It seems to me that it is the business

of the National to look after them. I believe everyone should pay for her badge when she takes it; and if she wants to keep it, let her do so and let the National keep the money.

Mrs. Perry: I would like to know what becomes of these Past National Aide badges.

Mrs. Wyman: I think if they want to keep their badges, they should be willing to pay for them. If they do not wish to pay for them, they should of course return them. It is only a little amount of money, anyway.

Mrs. Cheney: I understand that it is necessary to return the badge. That is the way the law has been laid down to me, that they be returned; that the badge must revert with office.

Mrs. Miller: Does that prohibit us from buying new ones in case we want them?

Mrs. Cheney: If they wish the Past National badge, they can obtain them with the yellow ribbon. The original, however, must revert with office. I suppose if an officer, after she is out of office, wants a Past National badge, she can have it just the same. They are all alike.

Mrs. Brown: Is she expected to return the old badge?

Mrs. Cheney: I have found it difficult to get them back. They will persist in keeping them. That is what I hoped to accomplish by passing this recommendation; and I desired to make it so plain that all would understand it.

Mrs. Turner: I think every member that wears a badge for a year is attached to it. I should not care what laws you made: I should not give up my old badge to anybody.

Mrs. Steismeier: Would not that be evading the law?

Mrs. Turner: It does not seem to me that women who have bought these badges and paid for them should be asked to give them up. It seems to me they should be entitled to keep them. What is the use of returning a badge that is half soiled and buying a new one, which would not be the one you had worn? The woman who has done all the hard work while wearing that badge is the woman entitled to it. No other one should have it. It is the old badge that I have worn that I want. It is prized by me. I have done no work under the new badge, and I do not care for it. I think everyone should be allowed to keep her badge.

Mrs. McHenry: I feel as these ladies do about this matter. I feel that I should wish to retain my own badge.

Mrs. Bennett: I feel that we must be attached to our old badges. I should deeply regret the passage of a law that would compel me to give it up.

Mrs. Hampton: There are many women wearing National badges who are only entitled to a past rank badge. We find them all over the country. They do not turn in their badges, and keep on wearing them.

Mrs. Bodge: I am sure we should not wish to give up our badges.

Mrs. Perry: How are we to get these old badges? I do not think it would be possible to get them, even if the law is passed.

Mrs. Cheney: If it is impossible for the Department to get these badges, how can the National be expected to get them back? There are two, three or four in every Department.

Question as to Recommendation No. 2 put before the House. Carried. Recommendation of Treasurer not adopted.

Mrs. Turner moved, That a committee be appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for the retiring National President. [Seconded. Carried.]

The National Senior Vice appointed Mrs. L. A. Turner, Mrs. H. A. Steismeier and another delegate (name not recorded), as that committee.

It was moved that the Convention adjourn to meet at eight o'clock A.M. Amended by Mrs. Lowd (amendment accepted) to meet at nine o'clock instead of eight. Carried.

Declared adjourned. _____

SATURDAY — MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9.25 A.M. Prayer offered. Convention declared open for the transaction of business.

The Assistant Secretary was instructed to read the minutes of the second day's session.

National President: You have heard the reading. If there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved as read. [Approved.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer moved, That the remainder of the minutes of this Convention be referred to the National Council for approval and correction. Seconded by Mrs. Manchester. [Carried.]

National President: I have been asked, "Shall we admit delegations this morning?" We had better decide this matter now.

Mrs. Turner: It seems to me that we should see who and what the delegations are, and whether they are from the Grand Army.

Mrs. Carroll: If we decide this question now, while there is no one at the door, no question could be raised in the event of our refusal to admit them.

Mrs. Barker: I hope we shall not have any visitors this morning. I trust that this Convention will authorize the National President to decline to admit them.

It was moved by Mrs. Barker, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That no delegations be admitted to the morning session. [Carried.]

Mrs. Bryson, Chairman of the Committee on Treasurer's Report, was instructed to resume her report, beginning with the recommendations at point where business was suspended the preceding day.

Recommendation No. 3. Recommended by Committee that it be laid upon the table until action was taken upon Resolution No. 52.

Moved by Mrs. Miller, and seconded, That the recommendation of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Recommendation No. 4. Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Bradford, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Barker, seconded by Mrs. Caswell, That the report as a whole be adopted and the Committee discharged. [So ordered.]

National President: The report of the Committee on the President's Address has been completed, with the exception of taking up the recommendation relative to the World's Fair that was laid upon the table.

Moved by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Manchester, That the resolution referred to be taken from the table and acted upon. [Carried.]

Mrs. Turner: It seems to me that we cannot act upon that satisfactorily. I move, That it be left to the incoming National President and her Council. [Seconded by Mrs. Bryson and Mrs. Rowland. So ordered.]

National President: What shall be done with the report of the Committee on the President's Address, as a whole?

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Caswell, That it be accepted and the Committee discharged. [Carried.]

National President: We will now have the minutes of the Council meetings. There were two. The Secretary will read the first.

MINUTES OF FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

HOTEL CADILLAC, PARLOR C.,

DETROIT, MICH., 9.40 P.M., Saturday, Aug. 8, 1891.

According to announcement in National Convention, a meeting of the National Council was held, National President Sue A. Pike Sanders presiding. Members present: Margaret R. Wickins, Mary Lyle Reynolds, Armilla A. Cheney, Emma Stark Hampton, Annie Wittenmyer, Lydia C. Hopkins, Ellen M. Putnam and Bianca L. Müller.

Minutes of the last session of the Ninth National Convention were read and, with a few slight corrections, approved.

Moved by Margaret R. Wickins, That the new Rituals be bound in a flexible, wine-colored cloth cover. [Seconded by Armilla A. Cheney, and carried.]

Moved by Emma Stark Hampton, That *six* new Rituals be furnished free to each Corps in place of the Ritual Cards now in use; the *four* now in use be retained, which may at any time be exchanged at expense of Corps. [Seconded by Margaret R. Wickins, and carried.]

Moved by Emma Stark Hampton, That each Corps Inspector be commanded to collect and burn all Rituals and Ritual Cards not in use, and make report of the same over her signature on next Inspection blanks. [Seconded by Mrs. Wittenmyer, and carried.]

Moved by Ellen M. Putnam, To adjourn to meet at the call of the National President. [Seconded by Mary Lyle Reynolds, and carried.]

HANNAH R. PLIMPTON,
National Secretary.

MINUTES OF SECOND COUNCIL MEETING.

PARLOR 332, EBBITT HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20, 1892.

In obedience to call of National President in General Orders, No. 9, National Council met at Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C.,

3.30 P.M., the National President presiding. Members present, Margaret R. Wickins, Armilla A. Cheney, Emily J. Butterfield, Emma Stark Hampton, Lena J. Robb, Sarah E. Fuller, Annie Wittenmyer, Lydia C. Hopkins, Mary M. Brown, Ellen M. Putnam. Minutes of last Council meeting read by Secretary and approved. Lydia C. Hopkins, Chairman of Executive Board, made the following report:—

Sept. 20, 1892.

To the Executive Board, W. R. C.:

Your Committee, chosen to audit the books of National Treasurer, would respectfully report that the same was carefully done in Detroit, Aug. 24, 1892.

The accounts were found to be correct in every particular, and the books thoroughly and systematically kept.

(Signed)

LYDIA C. HOPKINS,

ELLEN M. PUTNAM,

Committee.

Annie Wittenmyer moved report be accepted. Seconded by Margaret R. Wickins, and carried.

National President reported having made inquiry in regard to Anna Ella Carroll, as instructed, but had been unable to learn anything definite regarding her. Annie Wittenmyer also reported that she had made inquiry in the city of Washington, but could learn nothing of Miss Carroll's location. Ellen M. Putnam moved the case be laid on the table for the present. Motion seconded, and carried.

The National President introduced the case of Celestia D. Messenger of Chicago, Ill. After discussing the matter, Annie Wittenmyer moved a committee be appointed to ascertain the exact legislation of Eighth National Convention in the case, and also confer with Department President of Colorado concerning the matter. Motion seconded, and carried.

Emma Stark Hampton, Ellen M. Putnam and Mary M. Brown were appointed as the committee.

The National President spoke of the graves of the wives of soldiers in National Cemetery of Shiloh. As Bianca L. Muller of Tennessee, a member of Council, was in possession of some information regarding these graves, the matter was deferred until her arrival. Armilla A. Cheney moved the Council recommend the "Echoes of Liberty" as a suitable book of songs for the use of Corps for Memorial Day exercises and also for entertainments, and

Departments wishing copies order the same from the publisher, F. E. Belden, Battle Creek, Mich., thereby securing the full benefit of the profit therein. Seconded by Lena Robb, and carried. Annie Wittenmyer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Emily J. Butterfield, and carried. Council declared adjourned.

ELLA COBEAN,
National Secretary.

National President: You have heard the minutes of the Council meetings. If there are no corrections, they will stand approved.

Moved by Mrs. Perry, seconded by Mrs. Bodge, That the minutes of the Council meeting be adopted. [Carried.]

Miss Hopkins: I understood just before this was read that something was reported to the Council and acted upon. I have heard no recommendations in the minutes.

National President: Can anyone tell what it was that was placed before the Council just before this report was ready?

Mrs. Cheney: It was said that Mrs. Muller would be able to make a statement; but she is absent.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I think the proceedings of the Council have been approved.

National President: The minutes have been approved.

Mrs. Bancroft here read a statement and some recommendations in regard to the matter which Mrs. Muller was to have presented, relative to marking the graves of army nurses. Stated that she had inquired into the matter and found that the graves were not those of army nurses.

Mrs. Turner of Washington: I think I can give some information in regard to the death of these women who were killed at Shiloh. I was with my husband; and on coming to the Hospital on that evening, some soldiers were brought in who were wounded. They stated to me that there were two women—one was shot through the breast. I thought they were soldiers' wives, and that they were merely with their husbands' regiments.

National President: What shall be done with this communication?

Mrs. Wittenmyer moved, That the communication be referred to Mrs. Bancroft; and that she be appointed a committee to take charge of all the information she can get, and work upon the case. [Seconded by Mrs. Carroll.]

Mrs. Bancroft: It seems from last report that the grave of the army nurse Lizzie Robbe, is unmarked still; and I desire to offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the incoming administration be instructed to ascertain what graves of loyal women in our National cemeteries are without markers; and that all such be furnished with headstones during the coming year by the Woman's Relief Corps, unless same can be obtained from the Government on application.

The motion, as made by Mrs. Wittenmyer, was now placed before the Convention.

Mrs. Miller: I should like to ask if one of these graves is not that of an Illinois woman; and if so, that Illinois have the privilege of placing the headstone. I would like to offer that as an amendment to the resolution. [Amendment accepted. Motion was carried.]

National President: Are there any other Committees to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mrs. President: Your Committee on Report of Instituting and Installing Officer have carefully considered this report, and commend it as a clear and concise statement of the work done in the several Departments during the year.

The recommendation is already a law of our Order; but we heartily endorse the suggestion that it be more fully emphasized in instructions to Instituting and Installing Officers.

Most respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

IDA V. HENDRICKS,
MARY L. CARR,
JOANNA W. TURNER,
ABBIE J. WHITTIER,
SARA E. HOLMES,

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Barker, That the report be accepted and the Committee discharged. [Carried.]

National President: I understand that the Committee on Resolutions was ready to report yesterday. If there is nothing else to come before the Convention, we will take up the report of the Committee.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: There is a vacancy to be filled in the Home Board.

Mrs. Smith: I move, That we proceed to the election to fill vacancy. Seconded by Mrs. Barker. [Carried.]

Mrs. Barker: For how long is this member to be elected?

Mrs. Wittenmyer: For five years.

Mrs. Barker: I take great pleasure in nominating Mrs. Mink of New York for the position. [Seconded.]

No other nominations being made, it was moved by Mrs. Knowles, That the Secretary cast a ballot for the Convention. [Seconded. Carried.]

National President declared Mrs. Mink elected a member of the Board of Directors of Woman's Relief Corps Home for a term of five years.

Mrs. Mink: Ladies, I did not expect a unanimous election on this Board. I assure you that I will be faithful to the trust reposed in me.

Assistant National Secretary read greetings from the Sons of Veterans of Massachusetts. Mrs. Turner moved, That the Convention accept the report and send a vote of appreciation and thanks. [Seconded by Mrs. Miller. Carried.]

National President: We have a Committee on Thanks. If there is no objection, we will turn this communication over to that Committee.

Assistant Secretary read greetings from Warren, Pa. Turned over to Committee on Courtesies.

Report of Committee on Appeals was presented by Mrs. McHenry, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Mrs. President: Your Committee on Appeals to Tenth National Convention, W. R. C., would report:—

1. That we have carefully considered all papers placed in our possession in the appeal of Ruth Durgan from the decision of the National President, in the sustaining of the verdict of the Court of Inquiry, wherein the said Ruth Durgan was the defendant; and find said Court of Inquiry to have been legally ordered in accordance with the laws governing the Woman's Relief Corps, and recommend, That Tenth National Convention sustain the decision of the National President in this case.

2. The appeal of Ada F. Clark reaches this Committee at such a late date that we are compelled to come before the Convention without a thorough investigation of the case. It occupies about two hundred pages of reading matter; and we do not recognize that the acceptance of a place on a Committee shall debar its members from the sessions of Convention. We therefore recommend, That a committee of five members be appointed by the Tenth National Convention to consider this case and report to Eleventh National Convention.

It is well known that matter pertaining to this case was extensively circulated through the newspapers before the Court of Inquiry had been ordered; also that the verdict of said Court was made public through newspaper circulation before the National President promulgated the same; and your Committee desire to place themselves on record as disapproving the action of members of our Order who, through the newspapers or by circulars, make public matters which tend to depreciate our organization in the mind of the general public.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY SEARS McHENRY,

MARY A. BRADLEY,

JENNIE M. REAVELY,

ADELAIDE F. WALLACE,

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Brown, That the Convention accept the report of the Committee and act upon the recommendations separately. [Seconded by New Jersey. Carried.]

Appeal No. 1: Approved. Committee recommend that the Convention sustain the decision of the National President.

Moved by Mrs. Manchester, seconded by Mrs. Gibson of Tennessee, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Atwood of New Jersey: I would like to ask how we can vote intelligently when we know nothing of the circumstances in the case. The case has been in the hands of the Committee six weeks. They had an opportunity to see the papers in regard to the matter. The correspondence and all the papers were sent to the National President, and she gave her decision and then referred to the Committee on Appeals; and Mrs. McHenry, as

Chairman, has had six weeks to consider the matter, and I think she ought to acquaint us with the facts as she knows them in regard to this case.

Mrs. McHenry: May I say to the lady who just arose that the members of that Committee have carefully considered these papers, and have simply made this recommendation. It would be impossible for this Convention to consider this case, that is, the papers in reference to it. There is fully ten pounds of papers belonging to it. They are in my room, from which I will express them to the National Headquarters, where they will be safe. It is beyond the question for the Convention to consider such a case; and for that reason, I suppose the case was placed in the hands of a Committee.

Mrs. Barker: May I say, as one of the members of this Convention, that I am perfectly convinced that this Committee has made an honest report. I have perfect confidence in this Committee and in their faithful work. I am satisfied they have made this recommendation in accordance with the facts as represented and their own best judgment. I am sure every woman present will agree with me. I feel sure that it is safe to adopt this recommendation, unless we have positive information that has not been placed before the Committee. I hope the motion will prevail as presented.

Mrs. Hampton: We have had this matter under consideration, more or less, for years. This one particular appeal has passed two Department Conventions in Kansas, and the appeal has been returned with additional evidence. When the papers came to me as National Counselor, I found that this was the last appeal. I believe this came at the request of the party appealing because she had important additional evidence. Everything was put in perfectly and correctly — every point apparently covered. When I came to examine this appeal, after carefully looking it over and dividing it into parts, I found there were twenty-three different points covered, each point by itself. I spent a day and night, until half past eleven, reading it; and then I took the papers with me to the quiet of my library, where all the printed matter of the Woman's Relief Corps I have ever been able to obtain is kept. I took every point, analyzed it, referred to everything that could

be found; and, ladies, of all those twenty-three points, with the "additional important evidence," there was not one left on which to rest or to make an appeal. From that thorough analysis, the Special Order that was printed in the case was made. I am careful in my work, and never let a thing go by which I can see or find, when asked to give an opinion on any point of law; and in this I could not find one point to rest an appeal on.

National President: It might be well for me to say in self defence, that every matter has been carefully considered. That has been my policy from the beginning. I have been guided by the advice of my Counselor in cases demanding justice. I have considered the facts in these cases, and have then rendered my decisions accordingly. I hope and trust that if I have erred it has been on the side of mercy.

Mrs. Wickins: This case has been, as has been stated to you, before the Department of Kansas during two years; but one year ago last Convention a Court of Inquiry was appointed by vote of the Convention. There were some peculiar circumstances in this case. A carefully considered verdict was rendered by the Court. It was then that an appeal was taken. We were sustained by the National President. An appeal was then taken to this Convention, and the Counselor and Committee have carefully considered the case.

Mrs. Allen of Pennsylvania: Of course there are a great many questions brought up in this Convention that all voting delegates are not supposed to understand. When the President appoints a committee of five level-headed women to investigate and report, as in the case of this appeal, I feel that it is beneath our dignity, ladies, to quibble over their report. Mrs. McHenry desired to call attention to the latter part of this report, and says, first, that "the Court must have been legally ordered." I therefore assert that this Court was legally called according to the rules of our Order.

Mrs. Hampton: No objection was made to the appeal. The party had a perfect right to take an appeal.

Some one present said: With all due respect to Mrs. McHenry, I should like to ask whether any one has ever gained any satisfaction by appealing to the National Convention?

Mrs. McHenry: I took great pleasure in presenting before the Convention last year a case of a member which had been under a cloud for many years, as we decided, unjustly; so I beg leave to disagree with you.

National President put the motion, which was carried and recommendation of Committee adopted.

Appeal No. 2: (Report of Committee stated on page 400.)

Moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Carr, That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I want to say a word or two, somewhat in self defence, and somewhat in defence of the Court before which this case was tried, and I forever after hold my peace. This Court was legally constituted and did the very best and kindest work it could. There has come into your hands a pamphlet of considerable dimensions, challenging the authority of that Court. I do not care a cent about that. I have nothing against anybody, and I have never had anything against anybody. I have always tried to do my duty. I generally fear that I would not do my duty — that I would be too kind. I do not mean to err at all; but I do err in the matter of kindness, I am sure. I have the permission of the Court to say that, and I am looking into the faces of several who were members of that Court. That is enough to say. The Court will bear me out in what I have said. I take the liberty here to say that in this pamphlet, which has been so widely circulated, it is stated that I was objected to by the defendant, as partisan, and that I sat there and would not go out. The members of the Court here will testify that I was not challenged at all. It is also said that affidavits were used. No affidavits were used, except in sending the appeal to the National President. We did not need any, as everything before was admitted. We acted with kindness; but all through the matter we were misrepresented. I hope this resolution will pass. It could then be dealt with. I hope the report of the Committee will prevail.

Mrs. Bagley: What I have to say can be said in a very few minutes; but I wish to say it with very great emphasis. I desire to represent and exalt the supreme confidence that Ohio (as represented by this delegation) has in this Committee and the Chairman of this Committee and the other members. I have come here

purposely to make that statement and ask a question, because I am not informed on the law. Is there a law by which a Committee that may be appointed, can find a recommendation and report, earlier than the Eleventh National Convention? This will be resting upon us. We may hope for peace and harmony, at least justice, in Ohio. I ask for the law in this case because I know it not, neither does this delegation. We are here to ask for information, and demand it.

National President: I do not consider that I am able to answer this in a manner that will be satisfactory to all. My opinion is that anything ordered by this Convention would be law.

Mrs. Bagley: If that is your opinion, and there is no appeal from that opinion by this Convention, would you not, in mercy to Ohio, — not to any one, but to the State, — give us the conclusion of this matter earlier than the Eleventh National Convention?

Mrs. Bradley: The Committee is anxious to get the case off its hands. Neither the Convention nor anyone else wants to see it dragged out. If a report was made no one would be qualified to act except the Convention itself.

Mrs. Hampton: As I understand it, the law was asked for.

National President: I gave that as my opinion of the law, not as my own decision.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I hope I shall be excused. The National President ought to excuse me. No Convention has an opinion. I was President of the Court that was appointed to try this case.

Mrs. Sherwood: There is no ruling from the law. It presents itself to me like this: That any Court that might be appointed by this Convention would be in the nature of a Court. This appeal is based on conditions. We also had conditions. It was not taken for granted, not anything in the case. I think before we can act intelligently on the report, we should hear the conditions of the appeal; and I ask that they be read. Simply the appeal itself. I speak to the question. I think we ought to know what we are working upon. I do not want any snap judgment. We of Ohio want this matter considered and disposed of. We have something to say as to what ought to be done and the proper way. We do not feel that this Committee has reported in the proper way. We should hear the appeal, and then I will ask the privilege and the pleasure of speaking upon it.

Mrs. Reavely: In order to report upon this, the five members of that Committee would have been obliged to lose every moment of this Convention, and I do not think that even then they would have had time enough. There were two hundred pages of reading matter; and I for one did not feel called upon to come so many miles from home to spend all of my time out of this Convention. I sympathize with the Department of Ohio; but I have perfect confidence in the Court, and the decision of the National President in sustaining the Court.

National President: I think it is due myself to make a statement. Since the decision has been rendered, Mrs. Clark gave notice of an appeal. I waited and waited for the papers to come. I desired to send all evidence in my possession to the Chairman of the Committee. Of course, you all know that I had to write my decision to Mrs. Clark. I offered to send her copies of anything she wanted in the case, and authorized the stenographer to furnish her any evidence, if she would bear the expense of copying the same. I do not remember the date the papers came to me: I think it was between the 13th and the 19th that they arrived. I sent them away the same date they were received. If they did not leave the express office on the night train, they left in the morning.

Mrs. Cobean: They came to National Headquarters. I unwrapped them long enough to see what the package contained. Wrapped them up, and, in less than half an hour they were sent to the express office.

Mrs. Bagley: Representing Ohio, I have been asked by Ohio to take hold of this matter. I have been asked to come before this Convention and make a statement as to how Ohio stands; and in order to do this I must go back a little, and ask for a reading of the condition of the appeal. I am taking it for granted that all of you have received a printed appeal. It was sent to Washington and distributed in the hotel lobbies and the church yesterday.

Mrs. McHenry: It is almost exactly like the written appeal. There is some slight difference, but so far as the principal points are concerned it has about the same wording.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: It was stated that the National President was in conference with myself, and that we together had formed a

conspiracy at the Ninth National Convention, whereby it was stated that we expressed our intention of getting even with Ohio, because it was stated that Ohio did not support Mrs. Sanders for National President. On this point it is not necessary for me to speak or to enlarge, except to say that I do not know who voted for Mrs. Sanders and who did not, nor do I care. The very cordial support she has received since her election is enough to speak for itself. Mrs. Sanders has been actuated by her judgment as to the principles of right and wrong, and not through policy of office. That has not entered into her decision. Now, ladies, there are other points in the appeal. The party appealing says that the verdict was not based upon the facts in the case, thus impeaching five as good women as are in our Order.

Mrs. Flag: Let us have the expression of the Convention in regard to this matter.

Mrs. Wyckoff: I do not understand that the intelligence of these ladies has ever been questioned, either in the National Convention or the Department Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood: Mrs. President, I wish to say that we have confidence in this Convention. I am here today to say this to you. It is one of the Past National Presidents who stands before you and asks for an honest adjustment of this case. I have nothing to say, except that the matter given to the Press of Canton was not given by me. I have given nothing to the papers except the names of these women who came to conduct the Court. I want further to say, in behalf of the Past National President, that she has the confidence of Ohio. If it was stated that she was in conference with the Past Department President, making charges which I do not like to put into words, it is false. When these ladies came there to conduct the Court, I did not go to call upon them, even though they were my friends. I sent greetings to the Court of Inquiry, as you will remember, and said, "I shall be glad to see you at No. 193 North Walnut Street when your work is completed." You did not come. I want to say that the information given out was not given by our Past Department President.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I misunderstood you, Mrs. Sherwood. I know what I say and I am willing to be responsible for what I say.

Now, no one can charge you with having given publicity to this information. We have testimony from one of the Canton press representatives saying that he has manuscript in the handwriting of Mrs. Clark, giving a record of the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry to the public. Since we have been here in this Convention we have needed our patience.

Mrs. Sherwood here arose to a point of order, claiming that Mrs. Wittenmyer was not speaking to the question.

Mrs. Sherwood: Since we have been in this Convention, we have been sent for by the Comrades of Ohio, to see if this matter could not be brought before this Convention in such a manner that peace and harmony shall dwell in Ohio. If anything I am about to say is in error, I hope this delegation from Ohio will correct me, as I do not wish to misrepresent or misstate anything. We have thought earnestly over this matter, hoping to find some way by which we could bring harmony into our State. We cannot bear that the present state of affairs should continue. We have said that if Mrs. Ada F. Clark will come under the rules and laws of the Order in the proper manner, as we all have done, we would cheerfully and gladly come before this Convention and ask a reduction in the sentence. We have said this. Our Comrades have said to us that our points were well taken, but we wish something to be done whereby Mrs. Clark can stand as she stood before. We have suffered so much all through the State of Ohio on account of this, and now we suffer more; our honor and standing in this Convention are at stake. We have respect for the National President; we know that of the women of this Order there is not one more loyal than our National President. We, too, respect the Court of Inquiry which gave its decision in this case. We cannot impeach our honor; we cannot bring ourselves to abide by the decision of this Committee; and do not, I beg of you, keep it open and have all this additional expense of the Court added to the case. I want to say further that if new evidence was presented in the case we would most graciously and cheerfully act in accordance with the wishes of the Convention. It was up at the Ohio Convention and we begged Mrs. Clark—we appealed to her—simply to correct her record, so that we could show you that every cent of money was properly accounted for and explained to

the Court of Inquiry. She stood up and said that her record was everlastingly and eternally correct; and when our Past Department President asked her the question, she said she had the money—that it was hers and she would keep it. She has said time and again that she would not accept anything as a compromise in the case—that she would not accept anything except absolute acquittal. Then our delegation took a vote upon the subject, and decided that we would present this appeal to this Convention on condition that she come under the law, that we would ask that the sentence be set aside. That she declined. Then we decided that we would ask this Convention not to impose this sentence. You do not know what it means to us. You do not know what it means to Ohio. I appeal to every honest woman in this Convention. It is a fact that we cannot endure this another year. I simply say in conclusion that I hope that this National Convention will vote down the report of the Committee and sustain the Court of Inquiry.

Mrs. Bagley: Everything that Mrs. Sherwood has said in reference to our Convention held in Piqua is true. Mrs. Sherwood told her she would be the first to take her by the hand if she would pay back to the Department the money she had taken. We do not believe in Ohio that Mrs. Sherwood is responsible for what has been published in the newspapers regarding this case. We have known her for years. We all know her; and we do know that whatever has got in the newspapers at Canton, she never put it in.

Mrs. Carroll: I would like to correct Mrs. Sherwood on one point. She intimated in her statement that Ohio knew what she had done and said. I knew nothing of it until she made her statement here. If she is allowed to speak upon this question and state her side of the question, it seems to me that it is only right that Mrs. Ada F. Clark should be allowed to speak for herself also.

Mrs. Brown: After what Mrs. Sherwood has said in reference to this case, I should like the privilege of withdrawing my motion that the report of the Committee be adopted, my second approving same. [No objection was raised.]

Mrs. Barker: I move, That this lady be allowed to withdraw her motion. We may ascertain facts in this investigation that will lead us to change our minds. [Seconded by Mrs. Carroll. Carried.]

Mrs. McHenry: This is the very place where I want you. The appeal has passed to the Committee, and it cannot receive any additional testimony, and so has had to base its recommendation upon what was already in its hands. With the approval of the rest of my Committee, I made this recommendation to you, in order that it might be brought before you as a Convention. You are at liberty to receive all the information you choose, I suppose upon both sides of the question. I am sure they will both have their friends here to represent them. The Committee on Appeals could not accept such additional testimony. The Committee on Appeals must base its recommendation upon the appeal and the papers placed in its hands. Yet so anxious have we been over the matter—that we might do justice to every point in the appeal—that it has been first in our minds. We have gone over the entire Court of Inquiry and submitted every point of it. We have put upon this report all the time we could secure, and we do not consider it right for this Convention to require of us, as members of the Committee, to recall our recommendation upon the appeal of one Department, when by making this recommendation we place the matter before this Convention to do as they are a mind to with it. If they choose to sustain the National President and the Court of Inquiry, it is their privilege. It was not the privilege of the Committee to report upon the question without a thorough investigation after the papers passed into their hands.

Mrs. Carroll: Mrs. President, that I may be understood, I wish to say that I am not here to denounce either side. I am the Department President of Ohio and I would like to go back in harmony and work together. My dear sisters, I want you to understand my position: I do want harmony in our State.

Mrs. Barker here moved, That the Committee have three minutes for further consultation. [Seconded by several. Carried.]

National President: The lady who made the motion to adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals has asked the privilege of withdrawing it. The motion was put that she be allowed this privilege; and it was carried by this Convention. That motion being withdrawn, the recommendation is now before the Convention.

Mrs. Barker: I wish to say that we have perfect confidence in that Committee, having accepted their report in regard to their action. I am always anxious that we should work in harmony.

Mrs. Bagley: Do we understand this is to be considered by this Convention, that all this matter of appeal, wherein two sides, or many sides, will all here be submitted to this Convention? Do we understand or realize how long it would take us to do a thing of this kind? I am asking for information. Would that mean a hearing of both sides of this case?

National President: I do not understand that they desire to do this. The only thing that will be done will be to bring the matter up and have plain statements in regard to the conditions of the case.

The Committee on Appeals resumed. Mrs. McHenry, as Chairman, said: "After further consultation, your Committee reaffirm second recommendation, far preferring that you should vote it down and assume the responsibility of placing it before the next Convention."

Mrs. Barker: I move, That we do not accept the report of the Committee, but refer the resolution at once to this Convention. [Seconded by Mrs. Miller.]

Mrs. Bagley: Does that mean that we shall have to go through all that two hundred pages?

National President: I do not understand it as such. I presume it means that the matter be presented so that we can act intelligently.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I want to be fair, and honest, and just. If you open this case now, it is the right of the parties interested to demand testimony from both sides. Will you decide this question on your faith in the Court of Inquiry?

Mrs. Mink: May I protest against being placed in any such a position as that? I do not want you to overlook any facts or testimony in this case, because of your faith in us. What are appeals for if not to have other parties consider the evidence and decide according to it? If my sisters present do not see fit to adopt the report of the Committee, if it takes a year or two or ten years, let us do justice. I believe that the members of the Court of Inquiry, to the best of their belief and consciousness, rendered the verdict which they did. When that verdict was read, it was much more like a funeral than a Court. We took our time, and I believe acted honestly; but I am not here, Mrs. President, to say

that we are infallible, and that we made the right decision. I could not say that. I am willing to discuss this question on one side, and would like to hear the discussion on the other.

Mrs. Barker: I believe it was the decision of the House, ladies, that this matter should come before the Convention. I will say to you, ladies, that this is an important question—as important as has come before this Convention. Let us forget, then, our personal feelings in this matter and render justice. We have all heard and read of this case. It has had a very wide circulation. Our National President is one of the best women that could have been selected in our Order, and a legally called, competent Court tried this case. They tried to bring no disgrace upon the Order, and they used all the leniency toward Ohio that seemed to them possible. They secured all the testimony possible to enable them to bring in a just and correct verdict. If I am not right, ladies, please correct me.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: Mrs. Clark was asked if she had any more.

Mrs. Barker: Mrs. Clark knew she was differently situated from many of the ladies here. Mrs. Clark knew she had a competent court of ladies to try her case, and she knew that if she could prove herself innocent they would be ready to render that verdict. Now I want to say to this Convention, How is it possible for us to appoint a Committee to do any business for us, if we cannot accept their report and have confidence in that Committee? The ladies who went there, went with sorrow in their hearts for the lady who was resting under this cloud—with sorrow for the Department that was affected by this trouble. Mrs. Clark was the most surprised and the most astonished woman in the world when she heard this. Members of the delegation will bear me out. I have not read the *National Tribune* for the last six months, fearing that I should become prejudiced. I have not read the circular, and do not know what the charges were. I trust, Mrs. President, that this Convention will adopt the report of this Committee. Besides, the lady who has appealed can produce no new testimony in the case. I should not be willing to have it reopened here in this Convention. I think I know what the women of this Court endured while they were there. They never accepted the hospitality from the Past National President, but paid for their accommodations. They laid aside all personal feelings in the

matter, and were governed only by the justice and merits of the case. Mrs. Sherwood showed herself a true woman when she denied herself the privilege of calling upon these ladies in her own city. We have carefully considered this matter. I think this Convention can go back of that Committee and endorse the action of the Court.

Mrs. Mink: I remember the Court. I shall never forget it; and in justice to Mrs. Wittenmyer, who was a member, I must agree to what she has said in regard to the action of the Court while in Ohio. We heard the evidence, and rendered our decision according to our best judgment and belief; and we are responsible for the verdict. I hope, ladies, you never will have so painful an experience as we had in Canton. We were pained by a great many things that transpired. Even in the dining room we heard all sorts of things—we could not help hearing them. We had to leave our windows open. We were jeered at and laughed at.

Mrs. Knowles: I have been reading a little in regard to this case. Not only newspapers that have been sent me, but some other literature that I have seen since I came to Washington. A copy of this appeal has been placed in my hands since I came to Washington. While I was Department President of Massachusetts, I became acquainted with Mrs. Clark, and I learned to love her. I feel as though I must speak for her. I know that the case was placed in hands of women who were also friends of hers, and who loved and respected her. I feel that we should sustain the verdict of this Court. I can realize a little how these women must have suffered, and how the whole of Ohio must feel that a woman who was honored and loved should have placed herself and them in such a position. I could not rest in my seat without saying a word in regard to Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood. I have learned to love and admire her, and I know that she, with all the others, would not impeach themselves or do anything to bring discredit to the Organization that we all honor.

Mrs. Cobean: I want to endorse all that has been said by Mrs. Mink.

Mrs. Myerhoff: I think that every woman on that Court felt as if they were being tried themselves. It was to all a very sad experience; and when the verdict was rendered, it was with tears in our eyes. I want to say that Mrs. Sherwood did not call on us,

nor we on her. We had no communication whatever with friends of either party, and kept ourselves in our room at the hotel where we might be away from all outside influence.

Mrs. Carroll: It was, ladies, as you can imagine, with the heaviest hearts possible to have, in our State, when that verdict was rendered. It caused us untold agony. It certainly would have affected the stoniest heart.

Mrs. Flagg: I only want to say in reference to what Mrs. Mink has said, that I think we can all feel deeply enough this case, to desire to do our duty and act upon it with justice.

Mrs. Hampton: I would like to make a substitute motion. This case has been long before the Order and the public, a carefully chosen Court has weighed every point carefully, their verdict was endorsed by the National President after thorough review. Considering this and the time that has elapsed since verdict was rendered and that an appeal therefrom is presented at this late moment, I move, That the whole matter remain as it now is, and that the verdict of the Court be sustained. [Seconded by Mrs. McBride.]

Question before the house.

Mrs. Lowd said: I have listened with deep interest to this matter, which has been presented by various parties. I have also been following its course through all the months since it first originated, and my heart has ached over it, as have all others. Every woman that has been concerned in this affair has been my personal beloved friend. In regard to the Court of Inquiry, I have the most thorough respect for their judgment, and have the most complete confidence that they would deal with all concerned most impartially and justly. When the verdict was received, I accepted it with the feeling that they had acted according to evidence presented, and rendered what they believed to be the right verdict. I believe so today. I have listened to the report of your Committee on Appeals, and I have the same confidence in them as in the women who constituted the Court of Inquiry. They are some of the most conscientious and intelligent women of our Order, and women to whom I would be willing to trust my own life, believing that if they rendered the verdict of guilty, I would be certain of receiving a sentence that would not have been an unjust one. I now say that I hope this whole verdict will not prevail. In the face of all

that you have heard since coming here, now, for God's sake, deal mercifully. Ada F. Clark has been punished. She has been published as guilty all over this country. I say she has been punished enough. Do not let us—as an order of women—add to her punishment. As we hope for mercy, let us deal with mercy. Do not let us make this verdict so severe. We are taught that we must forgive seventy times seven if need be. Let her come back with us, and work with us for the good of those around us. She has been punished enough. She is willing to correct her records. She may have done wrong, but she is willing to do what is right now. I want to make this appeal to this Convention: I am going to ask that, as we have rendered justice, let us now temper it with mercy.

Mrs. Knowles: I intended when speaking upon the verdict to say that I thought it too severe.

Mrs. Hampton: I understand that Mrs. Clark has not changed.

Mrs. Ebright: I was present with that Court of Inquiry. There was never a more distinguished body of ladies lived. I have the most profound respect for them. As the Treasurer of that Department, I went to see Mrs. Clark. I was authorized to say to her that, if she was willing to pay this money, we would permit her to make an itemized account, and we would reimburse the organization. Mrs. Clark had always refused to pay this money. We never said Mrs. Clark was guilty. I think we said she was guilty of error in her accounts with those with whom she dealt. Mrs. Clark has never been willing to pay this; but now ladies, I understand that she is willing to pay, and ready to do it; and we as her friends have come here to say to you,—to beg of you, as Mrs. Lowd has done,—to “temper your judgment with mercy.” We ask you to temper that verdict rendered by the Court of Inquiry. They acted in accordance with their best light. That we fully believe. But now the conditions are changed. There is no court of justice that can be appealed to. We have today come to you and asked for mercy.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I wish to offer an amendment to the substitute motion. I am sorry to have to say that I was a member of the Court which went there, and wanted very much the verdict to be one year, and of course the Department money to be paid back. We did not approve the methods of business. We did not consider

it hastily. The Court has left it with me that I shall say one, or two, or three years; and I say one year. One year and the money to be paid back; that is my amendment.

Mrs. Lowd then offered, as a substitute motion, That the sentence of the Court be reduced to one year from date of verdict. I make this, feeling that no court of justice would have sentenced a woman to five years' imprisonment for so small an amount. [Seconded by Mrs. Turner of Washington.]

Mrs. Hampton: When I made my substitute motion I was unaware of any change of feeling on the part of Mrs. Clark. I have been told that she remained just as firm and hard as ever.

Mrs. Barker: I think we are getting a good ways from the original. If there are any recent changes in the situation it seems to me time to take it up. If there are any conciliatory measures that the Department of Ohio wishes to present before this Convention, why this sentence, which is severe, should be reduced, I think we should hear them.

Mrs. Hampton: As I have stated before, I was unaware of any change whatever in the matter. There is no one willing to forget or forgive more, or sooner than I am. I shall be very glad indeed if there are changes in the matter that make it necessary to reconsider it. I will, with the consent of my second, withdraw my motion if there are things which I do not understand. It certainly is a surprise to me.

The seconder to the motion said: I most happily consent.

Mrs. McBride of Indiana: How is it possible for us to get this information unless we have a question before the House?

Mrs. Perry: There is a motion before the House to change the sentence of the Court.

Mrs. Rothrock: I have kept very still upon this question. I have listened with the deepest attention to it. I am very sorry for Mrs. Clark. I most heartily endorse Mrs. Lowd in what she has said in reference to extending mercy toward Mrs. Clark. We have accepted the verdict of these most excellent women. That verdict was guilty. Let us now go a little further and act in accordance with Mrs. Lowd's suggestion, to temper that verdict of guilty — which was just — with mercy.

Mrs. Turner of Washington: With the permission of the Department President of Ohio, I would make a motion, That we extend mercy toward Mrs. Clark, on condition that she be willing to comply with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, the same as the rest of us are required to do. [Seconded by Mrs. Hampton.]

Mrs. Barker: I would recommend that the verdict of the Court be sustained, and would also recommend mercy for Mrs. Clark, as she has stated that she is ready to comply with all the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of our Order.

Mrs. Sherwood: I would like to ask for a little information in regard to this matter. If we vote to adopt the verdict of the Court according to the testimony, which was suspension for five years, does this leave the matter with the Department of Ohio, or does the National take it upon itself to make a proper and satisfactory settlement with the defendant? We do want to have this matter settled.

Mrs. Barker: I would like to make my motion in this manner: First, that we sustain the verdict of the Court according to the testimony which they had. Second, that the mercy of the Court be shown to Mrs. Clark, as she has explained that she is ready to comply with the Rules and Regulations as required of her.

Mrs. Bagley: I have not referred to the meetings of the Ohio delegation with Mrs. Clark and her counsel, because I felt that, upon entering this room this morning, it had no place here. I was not here long until I heard reference made to it. The question has been coming to us, "What is Mrs. Clark willing to do? What is her opinion? Where does she stand today?" Mrs. Clark has done ten years' grand and noble work in Ohio and the National. Ohio is one-sided in this matter. We are on the side of Ohio. Now, as nearly as I can I will show you where Mrs. Clark stands. In a meeting of our delegation night before last, with Mrs. Clark present and her counsel, this proposition was made, and so far as I know, agreed to by those present; and first let me say to you that before this proposition was made, every Ohio woman, from our distinguished Past National President to the humblest delegate, said, "Mrs. Bagley, you might just as well save your time. You never can bring Mrs. Clark to the point you are working for." This was the proposition: "That if Mrs. Clark would come under the law and rectify the errors in the record,

that we, unitedly, would go before this Convention and appeal for the setting aside of this verdict." For some reasons which I will not attempt to here explain, we adjourned just at that point without coming to a conclusion. Yesterday morning, when we met with Mrs. Clark, — each representative of the delegation present, also Mrs. Clark and her counsel, — Mrs. Sherwood presented a paper, which was read by Mrs. Cora D. Young to this delegation, and it was unanimously adopted by the delegation as a basis of agreement for settlement. This meant justice to all. Again, I was told that Mrs. Clark never would stand under the adoption of such a paper. We all stood by it. The basis of the agreement or settlement was this in substance: —

"That Mrs. Clark obey the order of the Court, and make this settlement: That we would agree to unite and ask that the verdict be reversed or reduced." There had been money not accounted for, as I understand it; and the verdict of the Court was based upon that, and not upon informalities. Mrs. Clark rejected that. She said what she desired was the setting aside of the verdict of the Court. In consideration of that requirement, she would simply correct the record. She also said she had collected this money, and had explained it properly, but had not made the record properly: that she would simply correct the record. Then we said that in that case Ohio would take the position of neutrality, because that time was past, and we could not enter into the correspondence. Then she said she would come under the law, in which case we said we would ask the mercy of this Convention.

Mrs. Herron: I understand that when we asked her to come under the law, she refused. When we substituted Rules and Regulations, she complied with the order of the Ninth Ohio Convention. It had been previously consented to that she correct the records — that would be, to make the proper entries. I said we must have the money. I endeavored to show that we had regular ways of doing business. It was here stated that we must stand upon nothing but the most regular ways and accurate methods of doing business, and that we must have the money. Mrs. Sherwood's paper was adopted. It was then we received word that we must come here because of important measures that Ohio was interested in. We adjourned. We were called together at half past one, at which time the counsel and Mrs. Clark were

present. Another paper was read. It had been previously shown to Mrs. Sherwood. We went into this assembly stating that we could not agree upon this. We could not go back of the record so far as we had gone, when this delegation adopted a basis of settlement, which was drafted by Mrs. Sherwood, and which Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Sherwood agreed to; but she then refused to accept it and made known her decision about the time this 1.30 meeting was held. Finally another decision was received. Mrs. Clark and her counsel appeared with the money — the full amount, more money than was considered even by the National Court of Inquiry. She appeared with the money and all papers, and we were empowered to ask for everything, etc., in full settlement. Mrs. Clark has been brought to the point, that every woman from dear Mrs. Sherwood down to our humblest delegate said we never could bring her. She has come under the law. I had no right to take this money, nor these papers. I cannot be a party to any adjustment of this matter unless Mrs. Sherwood will agree with me that it is right. Mrs. Sherwood and every other woman of this delegation is satisfied. We feel that we must all agree in this.

Mrs. Sherwood: I did not understand any of the time when she said that she would correct the records, that she admitted that she had taken the money which the Court said was not accounted for. She at no time has admitted that this verdict was a true one. All she said was that she would pay the money and that this money would correct our records. I have come before this Convention to ask the mercy of the Convention and a reduction of the sentence. But I cannot do this until she has accepted the verdict of the Court as a true verdict. I want mercy extended to her. There is no Convention that would be more merciful than I would. I would not as a member of the Ohio delegation agree for any settlement when by this settlement we failed to sustain the verdict of the Court. I can accept no other. We must believe that the verdict of the Court is true. I do not understand, Mrs. President, that Mrs. Clark has at any time come under the verdict of the Court. She has simply consented to correct the records and return the money. The point we have to maintain is that our rules must be complied with. If she collected certain amounts, she should have turned the money into the Treasury, and should not

have allowed it to be used for any other purpose. She says she used it, and that the errors are mere informalities; and these informalities she is willing to correct. She has publicly stated to this Committee again and again that she would not do anything else because it would compromise her honor. That is what I said to the distinguished officer appearing as her counsel, that I was ready to appeal for mercy whenever she was ready to accept and come under the law.

Mrs. Bagley: This paper, as you know I have explained, as presented by Mrs. Sherwood — was after hours of consideration finally accepted by Mrs. Clark. We are now ready for adjustment. The money is here. Everything is ready for adjustment; but Mrs. Sherwood now says that she has additional information since she has prepared the first paper, and therefore certain other things must be accepted and agreed to. Why does she not submit this second paper. I beg of her to tell us. Perhaps if we knew, — if we brought her under that, — there would be something else to submit. We only want to do what is right.

Mrs. Sherwood: I feel that a little more elaborate statement of the case should be made, so that there will be no misunderstanding.

Mrs. Bagley: We are going to keep at this until it is settled. We are standing for law and right.

Mrs. Bradley: I wish to offer a substitute motion, That this Convention approve the verdict except that the sentence be reduced to one year.

Mrs. Bagley: It is possible that Mrs. Sherwood did not know the result of this last meeting. She was not present last night. We want justice to all.

Mrs. Lowd: May I offer a substitute to the last part of the motion? I would like to move as a substitute, That the sentence of the Court be reduced to one year from date of sentence. [Seconded by Mrs. Turner.]

Mrs. Bagley: This would mean in consideration of Mrs. Clark coming under the law and conforming to the rules. Would it be possible to have the verdict set aside, and let everything be the same in Ohio that it was before? We know she will pay the money. I believe that she would enter this house and pay it in your presence if necessary.

Mrs. Turner: Mrs. Clark is outside and anxious to come in.

Mrs. Bagley: She will bring the money to you; and if Mrs. Sherwood will go with me, I am willing to go. I should not want to go without authority. I am willing to do anything to settle this matter.

Mrs. Barker: I move, That the Treasurer of Ohio repair to the vestibule and receive the money from Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Sherwood: I think it would be well to understand how important the law is in this case. She maintained that the verdict of the Court must be set aside. It is true that we must extend mercy and at the same time maintain the verdict of the Court. We have adopted the verdict of the Court, and Mrs. Clark must distinctly understand that if she pays this money she pays it under the verdict of the Court, and that upon these conditions we ask a reduction of the sentence to anything you choose.

Mrs. Lowd made a motion, That the verdict of the Court be sustained, and that the mercy of the Court be shown to Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Herron: I am afraid Mrs. Clark will object to that, that we show mercy. It would imply that she was guilty.

Mrs. Barker: We cannot impose a sentence of one year unless she is guilty.

Mrs. Rowland: I think Mrs. Clark will accept anything that this Convention will submit to her — anything that the Court of Inquiry approved.

Mrs. Bagley: Our Department Treasurer here, Mrs. Ebright, interviewed Mrs. Clark. *She has paid over the money, having given a proper voucher.*

Mrs. Bradley: We shall have to decide upon the settlement. The matter has not yet been laid before this Convention.

Mrs. Bagley: I will not be a party to anything except what is right. You must choose what is right for Ohio. We do not suppose you will do anything but what is right.

Mrs. Wickins: We cannot set aside the verdict of the Court. There may be some difference as to how we understand it and how she understands it.

Mrs. Bagley: I think it would be well to appoint some one from here to act as a Committee to see Mrs. Clark. We cannot stand it to have this matter carried over.

Mrs. Sherwood: I move, That E. Florence Barker be appointed.

Mrs. Bradley: E. Florence Barker and Kate B. Sherwood.

Mrs. Sherwood: I cannot go. I cannot act in that capacity.

Mrs. Barker: No, I prefer to go alone. There are times when I would consider a committee of two more advisable, but not in a case of this kind.

Mrs. Sherwood: This consumes a great deal of time. We never will get through with this Convention unless we act more rapidly. I think we ought to find out what Mrs. Clark is willing to do, whether she accepts the verdict of the Court, in consideration for which we will reduce the sentence.

Mrs. Lowd: I move, That this Committee of one bear with her a copy of my substitute, and ascertain whether she will accept it, before we take action upon it. [Seconded by Mrs. Sherwood. Carried.]

Mrs. Barker: Would it not be wise for this Convention to authorize the Secretary or some other party to draw up what is desired by the Convention, and let me talk with the lady. I should like to know just what it is that she is to agree to. I should like to have it in writing, so that there will be no misunderstanding.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I would not influence the verdict here at all except for mercy. I am willing this Committee should go out. If I had not been one of that Court, I should have insisted long ago that this Convention adopt a different manner and that they make the verdict of the Court more merciful.

Mrs. Sherwood here asked for information in regard to the proposition to be made to Mrs. Clark, as she thought it ought to be fully understood.

Mrs. Wickins: This confusion comes from confusing the two points, the verdict and the sentence. The verdict we have sustained. The sentence we are considering. The verdict was that she was found guilty; the sentence was that she should be suspended for five years. Do you distinguish between the two?

Mrs. Bagley: I would ask that our National President speak upon this subject, and give her views. We do not want to act in opposition to her.

National President: This matter has been before me for consideration ever since last Fall, and there is no one in this Order

that has been more pained over it than I. My first acquaintance with Mrs. Clark, was very pleasant. I met her in Boston, in a room where I was very ill, and did not know that I should ever be able to go from that room alive. She came to me there and was very kind. I learned to love her very dearly. You may imagine how pained I was to be obliged to take charge of this unpleasant affair. When I appointed the Court to try Mrs. Clark, I selected the women whom I believed would be not only just, but lenient. They held the Court and rendered their verdict. Had it been in my power, I should have mitigated the sentence. But there was no law by which I could do so. If you remember, there was a sentence in our Rules and Regulations that gave the National President that power; but in taking out some other part, that also was expunged. The Court sent in its verdict. I could not set it aside. I was therefore obliged to approve it. I am most earnestly desirous that this matter should be settled at this Convention, and nothing will give me more pleasure than to see Mrs. Clark reinstated. At the same time I am in favor, as I have been all through my administration, of requiring her to come under the Rules and Regulations and the action of this Convention. When she has done this, there is no one that will be more ready and willing to take her by the hand and welcome her back than myself.

Mrs. Bagley: I want to know how to get a motion before this Convention in regard to the proper form that will settle this matter.

National President: I understand the motion discussed in this Convention was the motion last adopted; that a copy of it should be given to Mrs. Barker to present to Mrs. Clark as the action of the Tenth National Convention in the case of Mrs. Clark. You may say to her if you desire that there is no one more desirous than the National President that she should come in under the law and be ready to receive a hearty welcome from this Convention.

Mrs. Barker: One point that I shall have to state to the lady is that some punishment should be imposed upon her. I wish the Convention would instruct me as to just what it desires that I shall say.

Mrs. Bradley: I think we understand that Mrs. Clark is willing to donate this thirty-seven dollars.

The following resolution was formulated and given to Mrs. Barker, to present to Mrs. Clark: "Mrs. Ada F. Clark, having complied with the financial requirements of the Court and the Rules and Regulations of the Order, the remainder of the sentence is hereby removed. The verdict of the Court has been sustained by this Convention."

Mrs. Barker retired with this resolution.

Moved by Mrs. McBride, That the Convention suspend the order of business and proceed to the installation of officers. [Seconded by Miss Hopkins.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer: The installation of officers is a very unimportant matter, because they can be installed anywhere.

National President: Officers can be installed at any time. The National Chaplain was installed in California last year.

Mrs. Ransford: I think that is one of the most important things.

Mrs. Turner: How could we go on with the work of this Convention with a new National President?

Mrs. Sweet: I would like to ask if it would not break up this Convention if the new officers were installed?

Mrs. Turner: I would state before we take action, that this church has to be put in order for morning, and the sexton will want it is soon as possible.

National President: I hope you will allow me to finish my administration. It is desirable to me at least that the business of this Convention be settled up. For even if this is done, the incoming National President will find that she has a great many things left to wrestle with.

Question. Lost.

Mrs. Barker here returned and said: I come as your Committee. I went, as instructed by this Convention, to see Mrs. Clark, and told her what this Convention had instructed me to do and that I desired to return with her approval. I read then to Mrs. Clark, that the verdict of the Court had been sustained by the National Convention. Mrs. Clark said: "You carry the reply back that you would if it was yourself." I said, "Mrs. Clark, I should accept with thanks what the Convention has done." She said, "The case rests entirely with you as a Committee to reply

for me." I repeat this conversation to you, Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention; and may this present itself to us as a warning to be willing to concede a little on both sides. Mrs. Barker also returned the paper which had been presented to Mrs. Clark as the decision of the Convention, Mrs. Clark having given her *written* reply to the same, which was as follows: "Mrs. Clark having complied with the financial requirements of the Court and the Rules and Regulations of the Order, the remainder of the sentence is hereby removed. The verdict of the Court has been sustained by this Convention." Reply: "I place myself in the hands of the Committee. (Signed) Ada F. Clark."

Mrs. Wickins desired to have some one appointed to conduct Mrs. Clark to the room.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: May I suggest that we receive Mrs. Clark with the proper dignity, without gush. I trust that the Department of Ohio will receive her graciously and cordially into their midst, the same as they would any other member of this Convention, and give her a seat with them; but I do not think it best for us to gush over it. It is not becoming to the dignity of this Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood: I wish to say that Mrs. Clark, by what she has done today, has complied with the Rules and Regulations, as we have. We have represented to her that if she did this, we would receive her. She comes into this Convention now the same as any other Past Department President; and as Mrs. Barker has arranged this for us, and Mrs. Wittenmyer has said "no gush," I think it is simply a matter of reinstating her. I move, That she be seated with the Ohio delegation the same as any other member.

Mrs. Barker suggested that the Department President of Ohio, Mrs. Carroll, conduct Mrs. Clark to the room, as she alone could give the password. Mrs. Carroll passed from the room, and the National President instructed the Convention to go on with the regular order of business.

Mrs. Putnam: I would like to speak upon the sending in of the quarterly reports. We could not begin to get them in before we left home, as we have another meeting. I would like to ask the privilege, if our Secretary will allow it, that we have as long a time as we can to send them in. I would like to make a motion

that the time be extended until the 25th of October. This will give us time to get home and all straightened up. [Seconded by Mrs. Wickins.]

Mrs. Turner moved an amendment, That the time be extended until the first of November. [Amendment accepted. Carried.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I have a very small matter to bring before you. It is this, That a Committee be appointed to secure a suitable badge for the Board of Directors of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home.

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Brown of Rhode Island, That Mrs. Lowd be appointed a Committee of one. [Carried.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer suggested that the matter of a suitable testimonial for Miss Cooledge be brought up. By common consent it was referred to the same Committee.

Mrs. Wickins asked for instructions as to what she should do with the charter belonging to Potomac Corps.

Mrs. Barker: I move, That we endorse the action of our National President in trying to carry out the instructions of the Ninth National Convention.

Mrs. Barker was ruled out of order, the Potomac Corps matter having been settled the previous day.

National President: With full power to adjust this matter, I did it according to the best of my ability. I did everything that anyone in our Order could do to bring this Corps into harmony with us. It has been my policy throughout my administration to stand by the Rules and Regulations. I will simply say that this matter was settled in this Convention yesterday. I cannot permit any further discussion in this Convention relative to Potomac Corps.

Mrs. Wickins: I simply desired to ask for instructions as to what I should do with the charter. I did not wish to re-open the case.

Mrs. Barker: I was upon the point of speaking upon this matter several times, but was not allowed to do so. I want to say that I think the National President has done the best she could and has acted in accordance with her best judgment in the action she has taken.

National President: Ladies, the report of the Committee in regard to this matter has no place here. The motion to reconsider this question was laid upon the table. It has been forever settled.

Mrs. Wickins: You have settled that part of it. I am merely asking for instructions as to what I should do with the charter when it is turned over.

Mrs. Wickins was advised by the National President that the charter and other supplies which Potomac Corps had, would of course be boxed up and sent to the National Headquarters in Kansas.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: The question in regard to Potomac Corps was up before this Convention and action was taken.

Mrs. Barker: I rise to a point of order. I have four times been up to speak upon this subject, but have been ruled out of order. If it is proper for one member to speak upon this subject, it is for another. I began by making a motion to endorse the action of our National President in carrying out her instructions. It does not affect the Corps one way nor the other.

National President again reminded the Convention that the Potomac Corps question had been up for discussion and had been settled.

Mrs. Wickins: My way is perfectly clear to me. I shall know how to proceed with the case.

Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That the Convention adjourn until 4 o'clock. [Carried.]

National President declared the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock or as soon as the members could get back, and that the next session would be held down stairs to give the sexton an opportunity to clear up for church tomorrow.

SATURDAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 4 P.M.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was called for.

Mrs. Barker here put in an appearance and, apologizing for returning after saying farewell, said she had good news to convey. She said: I have been very anxious, as have many of the ladies, as to the amount of expense we are likely to incur this year. We have voted so many things, and our Treasurer I know is anxious.

I am happy to be the bearer to this Convention of a message that has been waiting for me for several days, and which has come to us entirely unsolicited. Corp. James Tanner has kindly offered to take charge of and prosecute the claims for pensions of army nurses free of charge, which the Woman's Relief Corps may see fit to place in his hands. You all know that Corp. Tanner has a large influence, and I feel that we ought to be very thankful for this generous offer. He has three hundred sub-attorneys, so you can see that he is pretty well represented in this country. Any claim put in his hands by the Woman's Relief Corps will receive very prompt attention. He does a very large pension business, and you can imagine that he knows how to attend to it. I shall be very much pleased to carry back to Corp. Tanner the thanks and acceptance of this Convention.

Mrs. Sherwood moved, That the Convention accept this very kind and generous offer, with thanks for same. [Seconded by Mrs. Mink and many others.]

Mrs. Runnells: It would save us a very heavy expense.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I have been very much afraid from the beginning that this work would go to the Pension Bureau. I have taken special pains, and have the promise that it shall not go to the Pension Bureau, but that special clerks shall have charge of it. It is estimated that there are about three hundred. It is understood with the United States Congress that the Woman's Relief Corps will take charge of this work. I do not believe it would have passed if it had been known or thought for a single minute that it would go into the hands of any pension agent. I may as well say that Corp. Tanner is my friend; but I am not in favor of accepting this offer. I am willing that we should extend our thanks to him, but do not think we should vote an acceptance of his offer. This matter is before us, and we have got to decide it.

Mrs. Barker: I think we can afford to accept this offer. I do not anticipate the trouble which Mrs. Wittenmyer mentions. It will save us a great many dollars, and he is pretty well known by those in authority.

Mrs. Bradley: I would move as an amendment that we return our thanks for his very generous offer.

Mrs. Barker : Ladies, I have come back here today to place this offer of Corp. Tanner's before the Convention. I came back because I believed that it would be to our interest to accept this kind offer.

Mrs. Bradley : Has not there been some special pension work specified to be handled by Mrs. Wittenmyer ?

Mrs. Wittenmyer : That has got nothing to do with this vote of thanks.

Mrs. Bradley : I understand that if we accept his offer he takes charge of the work.

Mrs. Sherwood : Mrs. President, I would like to explain my position with regard to Mrs. Wittenmyer's appointment upon this work. I understand that she is to have charge of the claims of these army nurses, but I do not understand that she is to be the exclusive agent, and that nobody else can do any work. I think it would be to our interest to accept all the free assistance possible of reputable pension agents. I do not think it will conflict with any other appointments that have been or may be made in regard to taking care of the pensions of these army nurses. I do not think one will conflict with the other.

National President here put the motion before the House.

Mrs. Wittenmyer : I rise to a question of personal privilege, which is that my competency in this matter is brought into question. I came here, and I have got pension bills through that the pension agents had abandoned — they could not get them through. I went to the War Department and got the Department records and went through them. If this Convention desires me to remain in charge of this work, I am willing to do so.

Mrs. Turner : It seems to me that we as a Convention have a right to accept an offer of this kind from anybody we choose. It is only courtesy that we accept it.

Mrs. Bradley here called attention to the fact that she had moved an amendment to the original motion.

National President asked if this amendment met with a second. It did not.

Mrs. Caswell : I simply want to say a word or two. I think Mrs. Wittenmyer is perfectly competent to handle this work, but it will be an expense to this Order. It seems to me that it would be right for us to accept this offer, but leave Annie Wittenmyer in charge of the work.

Mrs. Sherwood: I still claim that one does not conflict with the other. I have made a recommendation in the matter, and I am in favor of holding to it. We may term him as our Special Agent, and he could handle such cases as we might see fit to turn over to him.

Mrs. Reed endorsed Mrs. Sherwood's speech.

Mrs. Bradley: We now have two special pension agents.

Mrs. Hendricks: I am not sure about this pension business. It is not necessary to have a regular pension agent. We can go to the War Department and get the record. It is not necessary to have an agent by any means.

Mrs. Barker: It seems impossible to propose anything to this Convention without bringing up an endless discussion. I should like to take back an answer to this message. Please decide it one way or the other.

Mrs. Sherwood suggested that the Convention could accept this offer with thanks, and do as was thought best about placing any cases in his hands.

Mrs. Sherwood's original motion put before the House.
[Carried.]

In the absence of Chairman, Mrs. Herron of Ohio, presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. President: The committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following report:—

Resolution No. 1: Approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 2: Approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 3: We disapprove of this resolution. As we do not approve of Resolution No. 3, presented by Annie Wittenmyer, our honored Past National President, we feel it but just to record our reason. It places too much power in the hands of two persons. A Court of Inquiry conducted in accordance with the W. R. C. Red Book is all that is necessary.

Resolution No. 4: We approve of this resolution, but believe it is fully covered by Sect. 2, Art. IV., Chap. III., page 14, and Sect. 2, Art. IV., Chap. IV., page 19, of Rules and Regulations.

Resolution No. 5: We find an error. It should be Chap. II., Art. I., Sect. 6 and line 12. We disapprove, as it is liable to place the question before a minority of the Post.

Resolution No. 6: Approved by the Committee, who recommend, That it be made Sect. 11, on page 11, Art. VIII., "Duties of Officers."

Resolution No. 7: Disapproved by Committee; for they feel that sufficient power is already granted in Sect. 7, Art. I., Chap. II., of Rules and Regulations.

Resolution No. 8: The member who presented this resolution has asked to have it withdrawn, as she finds that it is unconstitutional.

Resolution No. 9: This question was regulated by Ninth National Convention.

Resolution No. 10: Disapproved by Committee. Delegates must be elected by the Corps. If neither Delegate nor Alternate can go, they should resign and Corps fill vacancy by election. Refer to "Corps Election."

Resolution No. 11: Approved by Committee.

Resolution No. 12: Approved by Committee.

Resolution No. 13: The Committee do not approve of changing this law.

Resolution No. 14: Approved by the Committee. The work of the first day of Tenth Convention showed that Credential Cards were needed.

Resolution No. 15: Is covered by Resolution No. 12.

Resolution No. 16: Is covered by No. 11.

Resolution No. 17: Approved by Committee. This will do away with "Form L," using only "Form U."

Resolution No. 18: Disapproved by Committee. Instituting and Installing Officer needs one to make report from, and Department Secretary must have one.

Resolution No. 19: Disapproved by Committee. It is so little used, it would be a useless expense to revise it.

Resolution No. 20: Disapproved by Committee, as we do not see how it can be done.

Resolution No. 21: Not approved by the Committee, on account of lack of funds at the present time.

Resolution No. 22: Same as 31, which is approved; but the Committee recommend that sufficient orders be received, and accompanied by money, to warrant incurring the expense.

Resolution No. 23: Approved, as Corps Secretary and Department Secretary blanks do not correspond.

Resolution No. 24: Approved. Elected officers must occupy Officers' chairs.

Resolution No. 25: Approved. First day of Tenth Convention, it was absolutely necessary for Department Presidents or Chairmen of delegations to give the password.

Resolution No. 26: We do not approve of this change. Present mode of balloting was endorsed by two previous Conventions.

Resolution No. 27: The Committee do not approve, as it is the duty of the Guard to admit none without the password.

Resolution No. 28: Covered by No. 27.

Resolution No. 29: This Resolution is not approved by the Committee. The work is new to the incoming Secretary, who already has as much as she can do. If it must be done, the Convention had better appoint a competent person to do it.

Resolution No. 30: Approved.

Resolution No. 31: Covered by No. 22.

Resolution No. 32: As it does not change the law or sense, we approve this Resolution.

Resolution No. 33: Disapproved, as it conflicts with Rules and Regulations.

Resolution No. 34: President can now ask for another ballot. We therefore disapprove this resolution.

Resolution No. 35: We do not understand what is wanted, therefore cannot take action on it.

Resolution No. 36: Approved by Committee.

Resolution No. 37: Covered by the Red Book; but we feel that it should not be in the printed matter of any Order.

Resolution No. 38: Is approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 39: Covered by No. 38.

Resolution No. 40: We do not approve of making a change in Ritual. Balloting is a special form.

Resolution No. 41: We see no reason why this change should be made, therefore disapprove of resolution.

Resolution No. 42: Disapprove of change.

Resolution No. 43: Also disapproved.

Resolution No. 44: Also disapproved.

Resolution No. 45: We approve of this, believing it will be for the good of the Order.

Resolution No. 46: Disapproved of by the Committee, for this same resolution and petition has many times been presented to the Chief of Departments.

Resolution No. 47: While the Committee feel that this ought to be done, they cannot conscientiously approve of this resolution.

Resolution No. 48: Approved by Committee.

Resolution No. 49: Disapproved, as it has caused much dissatisfaction in the G. A. R. organization.

Resolution No. 50: We most heartily disapprove of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 51: Approved, as specimen sheets are incorrect.

Resolution No. 52: Approved, thinking that flowers are more beautiful and appropriate.

Resolution No. 53: Approved. President has the right to appoint them now if she wishes.

Resolution No. 54: Approved.

Resolution No. 55: We feel that the President of the United States can decide the matter for himself, and that it would be in bad taste for us to make this request; therefore we disapprove the resolution.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

BIANCA L. MULLER,
ELIZABETH S. HERRON,
NETTIE M. NORTON,
CHARLOTTE J. CUMMINGS,
ALIDA RULE,

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That these resolutions be taken up and acted upon as read. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 1: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Deane, That the report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 2: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Lowd, seconded by Mrs. Clark, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 3: Disapproved by Committee. Mrs. Lowd wished to amend the Committee's recommendation, believing that her recommendation would cover the case. Mrs. Lowd's amendment was as follows: "That Department and National Presidents, with the consent of their Council," etc. [Seconded by Mrs. Knowles.]

Mrs. Knowles moved, That the recommendation of the Committee be not accepted. [Seconded by Mrs. Gibson of Tennessee. Carried.]

Mrs. Lowd moved, That the resolution be adopted with her amendment, as stated above. [Seconded by Mrs. Turner. Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, That this be made Section No. 12, coming in just after Section No. 11. [Seconded by Mrs. Miller. Carried.]

Resolution No. 4. Approved by Committee. Passed by Convention, as it was fully covered by Sect. 2, Art. IV., Chap. III., page 14, Rules and Regulations.

Resolution No. 5. Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. McHenry, seconded by Mrs. Turner, That the entire resolution be stricken from the list.

Mrs. Bradley asked that the section be read.

Mrs. Knowles, seconded by Mrs. Littlefield, moved, That the recommendation of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Sherwood: It was said some years ago, by certain members of the Grand Army who have examined our Rules and Regulations, that we tried to make laws for the Post. After due notice on special matters, those "present and voting" constitute a majority. We come with a case and say that they shall have the actual majority of all the members. A great many Posts have non-resident members: they are merely nominal members who pay their

dues, but do not attend meetings more than once a year. There is nothing in the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps that has brought about a more unpleasant reflection. A Commander-in-Chief who did not know that I was not now National President, spoke to me upon this subject; and I thought if there was any such demand for it, it really was time that we put ourselves aright, especially if that was the new order.

At conclusion of Mrs. Sherwood's remarks, Mrs. Knowles asked permission to withdraw her motion, her second consenting. This was granted by common consent.

Mrs. McHenry: The recommendation is now before the house. I move this resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Caswell of Dakota asked for information in regard to the matter.

Mrs. Turner: I fully concur with Mrs. Sherwood in this matter. A Past Department Commander said to me: "You ladies will have to call a halt. You have got so that you are making laws for the Grand Army." They claim that when a Corps ceases to be a help to a Post, the Post has a right, without getting a two-thirds vote, to disband that Corps. I do not think we have any right to make laws for the Grand Army.

Mrs. Wickins: There is still another side to this. I know of instances in Kansas when there was a request made, for no motive whatever that I could see, to disband a Corps. Upon a dark, rainy night, a little handful of the members would be out and vote to disband that Corps by a majority vote of those present.

National President: The report of the Committee is still before you to be disposed of.

Moved by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Rothrock, That the Convention do not accept the report of the Committee upon this Resolution. [Carried.]

It was then moved and seconded, That Resolution No. 5 be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 6: Approved by Committee. Reference was incorrect: should be Sect. 11, page 11, Art. VIII., Rules and Regulations.

Moved by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Miss Hopkins, That the report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 7: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley and seconded, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 8: By common consent it was withdrawn.

Resolution No. 9: Committee took no action. It was stated that "at a previous Convention it had been decided that a child over two years of age could not be admitted."

Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Bodge, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.] Law remains unchanged.

Resolution No. 10: Disapproved by Committee: Moved by Mrs. Hampton, seconded by Mrs. George, That recommendation of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Chairman of Committee said Resolutions 11, 12, 15 and 16 were virtually the same. Mrs. Bradley stated that two of them read "five members of the Council" and two of them read "three members of Executive Board."

Resolution No. 11: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 12: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Clark, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 13: Disapproved by Committee. Mrs. Bradley moved, seconded by Mrs. Reed, That the report of Committee be not accepted.

Miss Robb: I must, as Instituting and Installing Officer, say a few words upon this subject. We have had so much trouble over this question. Last quarter we had a Corps organized that did not know how many of those people whose names appeared on the charter would be initiated in the next month, and they therefore must hold the reports for thirty days in order to find out. They do not get the charter until the report is made. Departments must wait that long to report to the National. This has made a large amount of trouble this year. I have now at home a report of a Corps organized in Oklahoma last August; but with the report came a request for time, as the ladies were not able to be present. I certainly hope the report of the Committee will be adopted.

Mrs. Knowles: I hope this motion not to adopt will not prevail, and that the report of the Committee which has not approved this recommendation will be adopted. That will let it remain as it is at present.

Mrs. Bradley: We have had a great deal of trouble. We have held meetings — special meetings — and have done everything else we could to get the members out before the thirty days were up.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: On general principles I hope the report of the Committee will prevail. I am opposed to changing the Rules and Regulations. I do not like the confusion.

Question. Lost.

Mrs. Knowles moved that the vote be reconsidered.

Mrs. Bradley: I want to speak a word for the Instituting and Installing Officer who does her work so faithfully. Is she to be given no consideration?

Mrs. Lowd: To adopt the report of the Committee would leave the Rules just as they are.

Mrs. Bradley: This is my own resolution. I put it in because I thought it would be a benefit to us. I would move, That the resolution be not adopted. [Seconded by Mrs. Lowd. Carried.]

Resolution No. 14: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Reed, That report of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Flagg: I am in favor of the use of credential cards. Some of the delegates have so far to come to our Department Convention, and there are so many delegates to be elected, that it is impossible for our delegates to remain until the work is through.

Mrs. Lowd: I move, That the resolution be divided into two parts and that each be acted upon separately.

[Seconded. Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, That the first part be laid upon the table. [Seconded by Mrs. Reed. Carried.]

Mrs. Lowd: Do I understand that this leaves the matter of credential cards optional with Departments. She also moved that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Turner: I question whether a Department should have what the National does not.

Mrs. Lowd: I am in favor of bringing up such things before they go home as we are obliged to legislate upon. I think we must be more careful.

Mrs. Cobean, National Secretary: I can only say that, from our experience last Wednesday, I should be decidedly in favor of credential cards in the National Convention at least. It was absolutely necessary, before I could get a correct roll of the Convention, to go to every Department President and have her check the list. I really think credential cards would be a good thing, and avoid a great deal of this trouble. If a credential card was presented, it would of course be supposed that the delegate was present. I should be decidedly in favor of credential cards.

Mrs. Ransford: I am in favor of the use of credential cards.

Mrs. Bradley: If it is to be carried, I should like to strike out the word "may," and not leave it optional with the Departments.

Mrs. Bradley then made this an amendment to the original motion. Seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. Hampton: Inasmuch as this matter has been changed around three or four times already, and there is considerable argument, perhaps it would be better for us to legislate for the National Convention also.

Mrs. Turner thought it would be well to ascertain whether the Convention favored the use of credential cards for National and Department Conventions.

Amendment put before the house. Carried. Original motion then put and carried.

Resolution No. 17: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Lowd and seconded, That report of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Herron: We cannot send returns to headquarters until the installation has taken place. Officers are usually installed who are elected. They cannot be installed unless they are elected.

Mrs. Bradley: How can they be received earlier?

Motion was carried.

Resolution No. 18: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Runnells, and seconded, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Turner: I do not think we are acting upon these resolutions according to our best judgment as women, and I move, That in consideration of the lateness of the day and hour, and the weariness of the Convention, that the balance of these resolutions be held over for the Eleventh National Convention.

Mrs. Hampton: I have gone through these, and have marked on my margins. I know what I have been talking about, and want to see them finished up.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: We have spent hundreds of dollars in discussion and revision, and next year we will spend more, and there is no way of getting it back. I think we ought to consider these resolutions before we go home.

Mrs. Bradley; I hope this motion will not prevail: We are interested in Department work.

Mrs. Hendricks: I move, That the balance of the resolutions be tabled. [Seconded.]

Mrs. Flagg: There are among these resolutions what represents hundreds of dollars. We need money badly enough. It does seem to me that we ought to have an opportunity to act upon them.

Question. Lost.

Resolution No. 19: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Runnells, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 20: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Lowd, seconded by Mrs. Carr, That Report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 21: Not approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Knowles, seconded by Mrs. Clark, That recommendation of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 22: Committee recommends that sufficient orders, accompanied by the money, be secured to justify the expense before ordering the publication of same.

Moved by Mrs. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Hampton, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 23: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. McHenry, seconded by Mrs. Clark, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 24: Approved by Committee. Not necessary to act upon this. Previously adopted in Counselor's report.

Resolution No. 25: Approved by Committee. Cites first day of Tenth National Convention as an instance.

Moved by Mrs. Lowd, That recommendation of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Hampton: That would interfere with a very carefully gotten up opinion in the Counselor's report. There are exceptional cases. The one referred to the other day was one. If we should make up anything to cover that case, it would affect very materially the work of our Order. The opinion rendered in the Counselor's report was rendered because of application from numerous Departments for the same thing.

Mrs. Lowd: I do not think it does wholly cover this. It certainly seems to me that members of the Order who are entitled to transfers should have the password. I hope this resolution will prevail.

National President: This question has been presented many times during the past year. Members of the Order would often, when offended, ask for transfers, which of course were granted. Although transferred members, if in possession of the password, they could visit their Corps at pleasure, often with great annoyance to the members. In consideration of this fact the matter was referred to the National Counselor, who has given the subject most careful and earnest attention; and I really feel that her opinion should be taken into consideration with this resolution, as deliberate thought, taken in connection with facts, is more apt to be right than hasty legislation.

Mrs. Lowd: With all due respect to our National officers, I will say that this matter received serious consideration by those who presented it. Every authority that we could consult was consulted. I went first to the Blue Book of the Grand Army of the Republic, and read their law according to that. I still think that this resolution ought to prevail.

Mrs. Carr of Colorado endorsed Mrs. Lowd's view of the case.

Mrs. George of Minnesota desired to know for what purpose transfer cards were given.

National President: In order that a person may be admitted to another Corps, showing that she is a member in good standing.

Question: Mrs. Lowd's motion was lost.

Resolution No. 26: Not approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Leslie, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 27: Not approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Leslie, That report of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Deane: In order that the ladies here may understand this, I will explain. In many of our Corps the rooms have outside doors. The people will come in and take a seat without having given the password. For this reason this resolution was offered, we thinking, perhaps, that the matter might be corrected.

Mrs. McHenry: I do not see how these members could be admitted without giving the password.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I do not think that it is necessary to do this. I think that some little discretion of judgment should be left to the Corps President.

Motion was carried.

Resolution No. 28: Same as No. 27.

Resolution No. 29: Not approved by Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Wittenmyer, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That report of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Reavely: We have already adopted a resolution saying that we would make all Rules and Regulations conform. [Lost.]

Mrs. Wittenmyer: The question itself is now before the House to pass upon. I move, That the matter be referred to the incoming National President and Secretary for revising, etc. [Seconded by Mrs. Turner. Carried.]

Resolution No. 30: Approved by Committee.

Mrs. Lowd: I would like to call upon the National President to make some statement relative to her opinion in this matter.

National President: I shall be very glad to speak on this subject. If you had the experience of the National Officers in regard to printing these reports and records, no such recommendation would have come before this Convention. I was of the opinion, as expressed by the resolution, until I became National President. I will give you the points as plainly and quickly as possible. In the first place, the officers' reports are prepared and printed for the use of Convention before we assemble. For instance, this book right here is in type; and it contains over two hundred pages; not only that, but the general orders and the roster are also in type,

and all we have to do is to complete the records and print the Journal from the Stenographer's report. The firm which has done our printing understands our work; and to give it into the hands of another would cause confusion and necessitate numerous explanations. I think all who have had any experience in getting this work done should legislate against this resolution. I do not think it is necessary for me to say more. These points I trust are sufficient to warrant careful legislation.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I have had some experience as National President. I have had a great deal to do with getting records, etc., printed. I have procured estimates from several places. I investigated the matter for several reasons—one, at least, that I thought I would protect myself in case the question came up. I found that most of the estimates which I received were higher than we are paying; and, besides, we cannot get our printing done everywhere, as it is not every establishment that has the necessary type, cuts, etc. How many tons was it Mr. Stillings said it required?

National President: Three tons.

Mrs. Wittenmyer (continuing): It takes from three to four tons of type to get out our records and reports. Mr. Stillings did not know that I was getting these estimates. I did not tell him. We cannot get the work done any cheaper, nor as satisfactorily, at any other place, as any of you will find if you ever take the trouble to investigate.

Mrs. McHenry: Before I was National President, I was of the opinion as expressed by this resolution.

Mrs. Flagg: Before I presented this resolution, I considered the point very carefully. I considered the estimate of printing the proceedings of the Eighth National Convention (that being the only one where we had the number of copies given); and I made this recommendation, thinking we might get the work done at less cost. We found a firm who is willing to assist in this grand work, and will do so by printing our records for us at the actual cost. They are able to do it. They have a large establishment. They print in six or eight different languages. I tell you, we are spending a great deal of money, and I think we ought to economize wherever we can. These men, who are perfectly responsible,

for the sake of our Order and to assist us in this work, will do our printing for us. They print books for people all over the United States, and all over the world; and I do think they are capable of printing for the Woman's Relief Corps; and we could save, I am sure.

Mrs. Turner: It seems to me that this should remain entirely in the hands of the National President. It seems to me that we are unwarranted in placing the National Presidents in the position which we have. They do not need to be told that we are spending a great deal of money, nor that we doubt their ability to save. All that the President has to show for her year's work is this. Let her have a good Journal—not use cheap paper, and cheap and poor printing. Every one likes to do just as well as her predecessor has, and as much better as she can; and it seems to me that we are not entitled to make laws for our National President in this matter, but that the work should be left entirely in her hands.

Mrs. Bell: I wish to say that you are getting the work done with E. B. Stillings just as cheaply as you can get it done. He also understands the work of the Woman's Relief Corps; and that is not a small consideration.

Mrs. Flag: I would like to ask if this Convention is willing to pay hundreds of dollars out of the Treasury which could be saved, by getting the work done at less expense.

Mrs. Cheney: I think perhaps a wrong impression has gotten abroad. The amount given as the cost of the Journal was not only the cost of the printing, but it was the total cost that was included. The cost of sending it out, issuing two copies to each Corps in the organization, and also the wrapping of a number of copies. I intended to convey the idea that this amount did not cover just the cost of printing, but everything was included.

Mrs. Lowd: I only want to say that my experience has been similar to that given by these other ladies. I was elected Department President. In my opinion we had been paying too much for printing our Convention proceedings. I determined to see if it could not be gotten at a lower figure. I quietly went about the city of Boston; and found after obtaining all the information I could get, that we were doing better with Mr. Stillings than it

was possible to do elsewhere. Our work was given to E. B. Stillings during the year of my administration, and I think I am as economical as anyone can be. There is one point that I remember. When this Convention — this National Order — had not a cent, Mr. Stillings went to the expense of hundreds of dollars, and printed our books and our blanks and circulars, and did everything. He started us in our work, and carried it on for us until we were able to pay. I do not think it looks as though he was trying to make any very large amount of money out of us.

Mrs. Wickins: That is one point that is worthy of mention. Mr. Stillings from the beginning has stood by us. He has taken a deep interest in all the work that has gone to him, and that has come out of his office, and I think he has taken a special interest in the administration of each National President. I am very anxious that he should make my administration look as pretty as possible.

Mrs. Hampton: I want to say when I had this work to do, I corresponded with different printing establishments and received estimates from four cities. I found that Mr. Stillings gave as low bids as anybody else. I do not think we can do any better. I have carefully considered this matter in all its details.

Mrs. Reavely wished to know if the retiring National President had not this work in charge. It was agreed that she had.

Mrs. Turner: I move, That the outgoing President and Secretary print these records. It is their work. It has been the custom heretofore. [Seconded by Mrs. Wickins and carried.]

Resolution No. 31: Covered by No. 22.

Resolution No. 32: Covered by Mrs. Sherwood's resolution.

Resolution No. 33: Covered by Rules and Regulations.

Resolution No. 34: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That the report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 35: Covered by action of this Convention authorizing President and Secretary to make all Rules conform. No action taken by Committee.

Resolution No. 36: Approved by Committee. Mrs. Turner asked for information as to what it referred. Mrs. George, as

maker of the resolution, advised her. Moved by Mrs. Hampton, seconded by Mrs. Runnells, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 37: Convention took no action, this resolution being covered by the Rules and Regulations.

Resolution No. 38: Approved by Committee.

Resolution No. 39: Covered by 38. It was decided that it might as well be ruled out, as it had been covered by action taken to have the Rules and Regulations conform.

Resolution No. 40: Not approved by Committee. Moved and seconded, That this recommendation be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 41: Covered.

Resolution No. 42: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Miss Hopkins, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 43: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Turner, That report of Committee be adopted. [Séconded and carried.]

Resolution No. 44: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Turner, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 45: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Leslie, seconded by Mrs. Turner, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 46: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Leslie, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 47: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Miss Hopkins, That report of Committee be approved. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 48: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That report of Committee be approved. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 49: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Reed, That report of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Bradley: I have talked with the Grand Army of the Republic and they seem greatly dissatisfied with their work. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 50: Disapproved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, That report of Committee be not adopted.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I hope our Rules may be so amended, provided the ones to be initiated at a special meeting have been elected at a regular meeting.

Mrs. Bell: I hope the Rules may be so amended. I think it will be much more satisfactory.

Mrs. Carr: I was just going to say this, It is my idea that if the candidates are elected at a regular meeting, it is very desirable at times to initiate them at a special meeting.

Mrs. Rothrock: I heartily approve this. I hope it will be adopted by the Convention.

Mrs. Moore: The Grand Army, I believe, initiate at special meetings. I hope this resolution will prevail.

Mrs. Hampton: I have let this go by without speaking. It seems to me that if the ladies would look back and remember a case where some woman wanted to attend a special meeting, they would look upon this differently. It often occurs to them to join a Corps just at a certain time, because they want to attend a special meeting of some kind. Now a special meeting costs a Corps a great deal of money: Each member of a Corps has to be notified of the special meeting. It often costs the full amount of her initiation fees to initiate her at a special meeting. She is initiated, and she attends the meeting or Convention she desires to, and never comes into the Corps afterward. There are a great many such cases. It seems to me that if a woman wishes to join this Order, she can arrange to attend a regular meeting for initiation.

Miss Hopkins: There is still another objection to this, which has not been presented. A member initiated just before coming to a Convention of this kind is unfamiliar with everything, and she does not look on it in the same light that she would if she was more familiar with our methods and plans. She cannot understand what we are doing, and is of course not interested in the work.

Mrs. Bradley: In case of an inspection at a special meeting, I think it is preferable to have regular candidates for initiation.

Mrs. Bell: That is, candidates who have been elected at a regular meeting.

Mrs. Reavely: I have always supposed that it was proper to initiate candidates at a meeting called for inspection. We have done it right along. [Motion as made was carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Bell, That this resolution be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 51: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. McHenry, seconded by Mrs. George, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 52: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. George, That report of Committee be adopted.

Mrs. Turner desired to know if this had not been acted upon in the Treasurer's report. Was advised that it had been laid upon the table, to come up for consideration under this resolution. [Carried.]

Mrs. Cheney, going back to Resolution No. 50, asked for an understanding. She did not think it had been constitutionally adopted. Mrs. Bradley answered that the candidates were to be elected at a regular meeting, and initiated whenever it seemed advisable.

Resolution No. 53: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Knowles, seconded by Mrs. Leslie, That it be adopted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Bradley: If this refers to National Convention, the Conductors are usually busy.

National President: Not if we have Messengers and a Committee on Courtesies. The Conductors have very little to do.

Resolution No. 54: Approved by Committee. Moved by Mrs. Leslie, seconded by Mrs. Reed, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Mrs. McHenry asked whether this resolution meant that the book should be changed now, or wait until a new edition was gotten out.

Mrs. Cheney reported a large number of books on hand.

Mrs. Turner suggested that a slip be printed and pasted in the present book: that said slip be furnished Departments by the National, and by the Departments to Corps, at the expense of the National.

Mrs. George suggested that a space be left on this slip for the street and number.

Mrs. George put her suggestion in the form of an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Wickins. [Carried.]

Mrs. Knowles moved, That the resolution as amended be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Wickins. [Carried.]

Resolution No. 55: Disapproved by Committee.

Mrs. Wittenmyer: I wish to adopt the report of that Committee. I reached that conclusion myself. I do not think it is necessary at all.

Moved by Mrs. Leslie, seconded by Mrs. Turner, That report of Committee be adopted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Bradley: I now move, That the report of the Committee on Resolutions, as amended, be adopted as a whole. [Seconded by Mrs. Miller. Carried.]

Mrs. Sherwood: Our National Chaplain is here. Could we suspend business three minutes in order to allow her to say a word, and then allow her to retire.

Mrs. Sherwood then put this suggestion into a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miller. [Carried.]

Mrs. Sherwood conducted Miss Barton to the platform.

National President: Ladies, our National Chaplain.

Miss Barton: Ladies, I am more sorry than I can say to interrupt a meeting so busy as this; but I feel that in justice to you and myself I must say a word before I go out. It is necessary that you should understand how it is, that I am with you. It was not anything that I had done, or that I had wished that brought me here with you. I will tell you how it happened as simply as I can, just as a mother would tell a story to her children. Before this Relief Corps was formed, or even thought of, I was asked to go to the home of one of the District Presidents to institute what was called the "Relief Corps of the Grand Army." I went. I said to myself, "If I go, I have some little prestige with the soldiers — more, perhaps, than these ladies." They besought me to go many times; but I thought to myself, "If I go they will make me join it: these ladies have as much interest in the work as I have, and it is their place to take charge of the matter." I declined to go. They went and formed the Woman's Relief

Corps. I decided to keep away, and let them do as they thought best. It was while this Encampment was held in San Francisco that there came out the National Order to the Grand Army of the Republic. I was at San Francisco. I received many flattering invitations to go; and I went. I had never been interested in the Relief Corps, and knew nothing in the world about it. I purposely had stayed away. I came down to the Convention, and was told that I was a life member of this Convention. I had to accept it. I was given the salute. I cannot tell you what happened there. I have never been able to tell. I know that we marched around, and around, and when it was over I was told that I was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. They gave me a beautiful badge to that effect. Well, time went on. I was elected National Chaplain. Mrs. D'Arcy Kinne was employed to install me. I knew nothing of it until it was all done. The entire arrangements were made before I was aware of it. When the place for the Encampment for this year had been selected, they urged me to take the chairmanship of the Citizens' Committee. I said to them that I could not do it. That there had always been so much trouble; and they said to me, "We think perhaps if you accept this and get started aright, matters will run smoother." They insisted upon my accepting it for three months, and agreed to put someone else in my place at the end of that time. Therefore I took it. I went on as well as I could. I selected the best women I knew to assist me, and among them were the very best women in this city. We all met, and we carried on the matter as well as we could. I saw there was likely to be some trouble and wanted to withdraw. They asked me to remain. I assured them that I could not. I laid the matter before the Committee. They voted that I should remain. But to come back to my membership in this Woman's Relief Corps. I desired to be dropped out of the Order. I was told that I was a life member—that I had been elected as such. I talked the matter over with Gen. Burdette, and asked him how I should proceed. He asked me how long I had been a member. He said, "Are you a life member?" I told him that I had been so elected. He told me that there was no possible way to do it. I then thought I would tender my resignation as National Chaplain. I could not do that. I wanted to do everything I could to make peace. I

want that you should not misunderstand my position here this afternoon. I am speaking plainly to you. I have loved this Order and every member of it. I have tried to do all I could do for it. I have done everything I could to help you, and to bring you into harmony and peace, and not to bring disgrace upon you in any way, nor any trouble, nor any wrangles. I have been ready to do anything that was in my power to bring peace into this Order instead of trouble. I find, ladies, that it can't be done. It has gone on, and I have stood it, borne up under it, until, I am sorry to tell you, until the soldiers—more than soldiers to me, the boys for whom I stood, and for whom I worked, and for whom I have worked and walked through blood for four years—until these men have cursed me in the streets here within the last two weeks. These very men utter my name with curses. These very men for whom I would almost have given my life. This is true. It has not only been said, but it has been written; and here in my pocket is a letter that will bear me out. It has been said that this Citizens' Committee has given to Clara Barton three thousand dollars to use for the Order of the Red Cross. Why could not something have been given to others as well as to the Order and the Sisters of the Red Cross? I would say that there is no such thing. There is no such an order in the United States. I myself am the only Red Cross woman in the City of Washington. All the money that was given to us by this Citizens' Committee was used in preparing for the entertainment of the people in this city. We have put our hands in our own pockets in arranging this matter. I can say to you, ladies, that I would be glad to take one thousand dollars for what this has cost me. For the sake of others, not myself, I tried to do what was right and make things right, even in the face of all this misunderstanding. I have stayed away from this Convention and the enjoyment of the society of these women. We have all done the best we could. There was not anything left undone that could be done on our part. I have called to my side every woman who was on my Committee and endeavored to treat her with respect. I have done what seems to be my duty. Now, ladies, I have to say one thing more and I am done. I have told you my story. It was necessary that I should tell you, in order that you might understand what I am going to tell you now. It has pained me greatly to say what I have said.

I could not have told it to you more plainly nor simply. You all understood me. Now what I have to say to you is this: You have elected me a Life Member of this Association; and as they tell me that there is no legal way of dismembering myself from this body, this organization — as there is no legal way for me to do this, I shall make a way. If this knot has been tied so tightly that it cannot be undone, I shall cut it. Now ladies, one and all, I want you to remember that I am no longer a member of the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States. I started here with this thought, and I have brought my badges and ornaments. I regret that I must leave you, but there is no other way for me to act, and I will now tell you that for your own good sakes,—for the sake of your Order, for the sake of peace and humanity,—I am no longer with you. Now let me be. Before I go, however, let me stand for one moment as I would if I were your Chaplain, and invoke for you the blessing of Him who giveth to all justice; let Him cover you with mercy, and may He gently lead you and guide you into the path of right, and may your cup of blessing ever be full. Good bye, my sisters.

National President: The Committee on Courtesies will please escort Miss Barton to the door.

Mrs. Hendricks: Before Miss Barton goes, Mrs. President, I would like to say what I have said before. The National President authorized me to secure a hall and make all preparations for the entertainment of this Convention. I carried out her instructions to the very best of my ability. I have never been guilty of any disrespect to Miss Barton. I have always treated her with the utmost courtesy. These ladies have been told that I am not a loyal woman. Ladies, I was born loyal: I have not a disloyal relative in the world. I think Miss Barton has been misled in this matter. She does not understand the situation. It would take me a month to tell you the policy and the plans that have been made to carry out what has been. I have tried to do my duty faithfully. What Mrs. Logan has said about me I have forgiven, although I shall never forget it. There is no member of this Convention that has heard me say aught against Miss Barton.

Miss Barton: My dear, I never said you had.

Mrs. Hendricks: If Miss Barton has ever received a line from a Grand Army man such as she mentions, I am sure I cannot fathom the reason for writing it. There was never anything — not a word spoken — of the kind.

National President: As long as this matter has come before this Convention, I deem it nothing more than justice to myself, that I inform Miss Barton that in no way, shape nor manner, by word or deed, have I ever censured her for anything that has happened in connection with this unfortunate affair; and I defy evidence to the contrary.

Miss Barton: I have never said you did.

National President: I say this in justice to myself. I have not before had an opportunity.

Mrs. Bradley: I understood our National Chaplain to say —

Some one broke in, "I would like to move an amendment by saying to the National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps"—

National President: Mrs. Bradley has the floor.

Mrs. Bradley: Miss Barton said from the stand that she had been informed that there was no legal way by which she could cut herself loose. I wish Miss Barton's mind disabused of this, and that she be informed that there is a legal way. I move that it be explained to her.

Mrs. Sherwood: A Committee on Testimonials was ordered by the Ninth National Convention, and we have prepared a testimonial in accordance with the instructions of the Ninth National Convention. These testimonials have been prepared with great care. May I ask, Mrs. President, for an expression of confidence of this Convention in presenting these testimonials, and say that we do reaffirm our confidence and love and respect for our two distinguished Honorary Members. And now Mrs. President,— may I ask that our National President, in the last few hours of her administration: allow me to include her,— it seems to me that the National Association ought to reaffirm their purpose and privilege of continuing this distinguished and very honored woman in the Order who is before you today.

National President asked the pleasure of the Convention.

Mrs. Lowd: It seems to me that we cannot let her leave us without some expression of profound regret for what has come up today. I move, That it be the sense of this Convention, that it is with the deepest sorrow that we accede to her wishes; but it is our desire that she retain that badge and be with us always as an associate member and one of our honored sisterhood.

National President: I should be pleased as National President of this organization to take Miss Barton by the hand and give her the privileges of the Order.

Mrs. Turner: Mrs. President, may I ask that her badge be placed upon her, the badge of this Order, and that she may continue a member of this Order?

Mrs. Hendricks: May I have the pleasure of pinning this badge upon Miss Barton? [This was accorded her, and she did so.]

Mrs. Sherwood: Miss Barton has spoken most kindly of Mrs. Hendricks; and I hope all this trouble shall be forgotten and that we shall all be sisters, loving one another.

Mrs. Hendricks: I think there has been a misunderstanding in regard to this whole affair. I for one am perfectly willing to forgive all that has been said about me, even though I cannot forget it.

Mrs. Rothrock moved, That the Convention give Miss Barton a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mrs. Gibson of Tennessee. [Carried.]

Miss Barton was then escorted to the door by Mrs. Sherwood, Chairman of Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. Rothrock desired that the Convention rise as Miss Barton passed out:

Mrs. Sherwood: In compliance with instructions, your Committee on Testimonials are ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIALS.

Mrs. President: The testimonials purchased for our two honorary members, Paul Van Der Voort and Miss Clara Barton, are in the house; and I move, That this Convention reaffirm the action of the Ninth National Convention and present this Committee with an order to forward these testimonials to the proper parties, with the compliments and love of this Order.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

KATE B. SHERWOOD,
LIZABETH A. TURNER,
JENNIE MYERHOFF,

Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Bradley, and seconded, That the report of the Testimonial Committee be received and the Committee authorized to forward the testimonials to the proper parties. [Carried.]

Mrs. Sherwood here stated that she was in possession of a letter from Paul Van Der Voort, the Honorary Member of the Woman's Relief Corps, in reponse to one which had been written him. She moved, That it be spread upon the records of the Convention. [Seconded by Mrs. Wickins. Carried.]

Mrs. Turner: I move, That the minutes of this session, and all those that have not been approved during this Convention, be referred to the National President and Council for correction and approval.

Seconded by Mrs. George. Carried.

Mrs. Wittenmyer stated that it was impossible for one Secretary to do the work of the National Convention; and that as the National President had the privilege of appointing her assistant, she moved, That Mrs. Gale be allowed \$20.00 for her services during this Convention. [Seconded by Mrs. Bradley. Carried.]

Mrs. Whittier stated that all the decorations in the First Baptist Church had been left hanging as at first, and that the Pastor was anxious to have all who could so arrange attend service there on the morrow.

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Miss Hopkins, That all matters left over that should go to the Committee on Thanks, such as for churches, luncheons, reduction in railroad fare and everything for which proper persons had not been thanked, who ought to be, be referred to the Secretary. [Carried.]

Question again came up as to what should or should not be printed in the Journal. It was stated that the matter had been left to the discretion of the National President and Secretary.

Mrs. Sanders stated that she would use the best judgment possible in the matter.

Mrs. Rothrock stated that the report of Committee on Appeals as a whole had not been acted upon.

Moved by Mrs. Lowd, seconded by Mrs. Turner, That the report of the Committee on Appeals be adopted as amended. [Carried.]

National President asked if there was any more business to come before the Convention. Nothing being presented, she declared Installation of Officers to be in order.

The doors of the Convention were thrown open to admit visitors and Comrades who were in the vestibule.

Mrs. Mary Sears McHenry, Past National President, installed the officers for the ensuing year:—

<i>Nat. Pres.:</i>	Margaret R. Wickins, Sabetha, Kansas.
<i>“ Sen. Vice-Pres.:</i>	Ida V. Hendricks, Washington, D. C.
<i>“ Jun. “ “</i>	Abbie J. Whittier, New Brunswick, N. J.
<i>“ Treasurer:</i>	Armilla A. Cheney, Detroit, Mich.
<i>“ Chaplain:</i>	Mary E. Knowles, Charlestown, Mass.

Members of Executive Board:

Geraldine F. Hood	.	.	Menlo Park, California.
Emily V. Littlefield	.	.	Bangor, Maine.
Sarah M. Bradford	.	.	Taylorville, Illinois.
Sarah E. Runnells	.	.	Nashua, N. H.
Mary E. Leavens	.	.	Faribault, Minn.

The National President appointed as National Counselor, Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders; as National Secretary, Mrs. Flora P. Hogbin; the other appointments to be named later. These appointed officers were duly installed. Conductor was instructed to escort the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, A. G. Weissert, to the platform.

After being introduced by National President, the Commander-in-Chief was asked to speak.

Commander-in-Chief: Mrs. President and Ladies, I am very glad to see you. A few moments ago a comrade of mine called at my hotel and kindly invited me to go with him to witness the installation of the officers of this grand Order. I had no idea I would be called upon to speak, so I took my place in the rear of the room. I had made up my mind that I would have a quiet, pleasant time. I think you have decided otherwise, but I am going to say something on this topic, with your indulgence. I know something about your Order. I know that it is an excellent one. I will take for my text something that I heard read a few moments ago out of this book. Something was said about active membership, and something was said about harmony.

I tell you, my friends, that the Grand Army of the Republic depends upon the Woman's Relief Corps. It is expected by this book. The people living in your localities will always regard you as earnest and loyal women. You said something about active membership. I hope every woman connected with the Woman's Relief Corps will always be an active worker. Active membership: That means a great deal. It means doing everything in your power to promote harmony in your Conventions, — National as well as your Department or State Conventions, — to build up this great Order in doing good. You can do this in one way, provided you have this other — harmony. Now, what does it mean to dwell in peace and harmony. You all know what it means as well as I know. I believe, with the officers that you have this night installed to preside over the Order next year, that peace and harmony will prevail, and that the Woman's Relief Corps at the close of the year just begun will look back; and if it has made any mistakes in the past, see in them marks that will lead them to watch for the future. I just want to say something about the load that has been placed upon my shoulders during the past few days. They expect me to carry it the entire year. If I did not know, ladies, that the Woman's Relief Corps were going to stand right by and help me, I do not think I should have touched it. I am going to begin my work this year in the Department where your President lives. I think I told her that. I can promise you this, ladies: That whatever it is possible for the Grand Army of the Republic to do the Grand Army of the Republic will do, because what you do for the Grand Army of the Republic is appreciated; and I know they agree with me when I say that we will do this. They are the noblest Order of men that God ever let organize; and at the time you are helping us, you are also working for your own Order. When you carry out these principles, you are carrying out the mandates of the One who lived many hundreds of years ago; and if you follow strictly His teachings, you will all be good members of the Woman's Relief Corps. You will all be fully satisfied with your work in life; and when you are called to go to the other side, you will be ready. Ladies, I thank you for this honor, and I again ask you to stand by me during this year, and we will stand by you.

Mrs. Wickins, National President, responded: Commander-in-Chief, we are glad to have you with us: we are glad to hear the words that you have spoken. We are also glad that you have selected the Department of Kansas as your missionary field. I suppose you do not know how we come to have so many of your Grand Army people. There you send your soldiers. It is a sort of refuge for them. We shall be very glad to have your efficient service there. You have selected for your mission the State of the National President. We shall be glad indeed to welcome the National Commander-in-Chief and have him begin his work of the year with us. We are glad to be thus recognized by you. When we pledged to you the loyalty of the Woman's Relief Corps, it was because we felt that we could stand by you as women and as an Auxiliary to the Grand Army that went forth from '61 to '65 to fight the battles of the Nation. You will find that we shall ever be ready to assist you. We stand banded together with you in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. A Fraternity that no other organization knows — comradeship with the Grand Army, that passed through years of suffering. We know what it means more than any other Order can know. We stand together with Charity. It is our blessed privilege to stand ready to extend charity to the soldier and his family. In Loyalty: Commander-in-Chief, we feel that it is not necessary to tell you what this means. We mean to be loyal in the fullest sense of the word. We mean to be loyal to peace and harmony. We propose to settle our difference with a spirit of charity and loyalty and proceed with our work as we should. Women are not unlike men. We are all pieces of humanity. I want to say to you, however, that while we have perhaps been long, we have settled our questions and our differences harmoniously, and our organization tonight stands ready to move on with another year's record of grand and satisfactory work. Differences this coming year will doubtless exist; but they will all be settled.

I pledge to you (and there are one hundred and thirty-five thousand women organized together) our help. When you need us, notify us, and we will be glad to help you.

At the close of Mrs. Wickins' remarks, Mrs. Sweet of California, stated that she had a little matter to bring up. She was directed to come to the platform, and addressed the Convention as follows:—

Ladies of the Convention: After a long and tiresome session, we have at last arrived at the time for our adjournment. We go from here to our homes never again to *all* meet on earth. And before we say "good bye," I wish to present to our most worthy Past National Secretary, Mrs. Ella Cobean, to our National Treasurer, Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney, and to our faithful sweet-tempered Stenographer, small tributes from our State—California.

To our Past National President, who has been so patient and so wise in her guidance of affairs in this Convention, I wish I could tender something worthy of her work; but that is impossible. So with this token I give her our love and good wishes.

To our newly-installed National President, who will preside over our affairs for the coming year, I wish to present this gavel. It was prepared by a small Corps in Southern California. The handle is of the manganita wood, from our mountain tops; the head from the orange wood from our valleys, mounted with our Goddess of fruits and flowers, Pomona, bound by the silver band of our devotion to our cause. May she ever use it wisely and well, guiding us with justice. I take great pleasure in presenting this to Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins.

To our newly installed Secretary, I wish to give this souvenir, a paper-cutter of orangewood. May she not sever with it any bond of affection, but use it to open our quarterly reports; and may they be always found correct.

Ladies, I was not authorized by our Department to make any presentation. I give these as souvenirs from Vicksburg Corps of Pomona, California.

The souvenirs presented to the Past National President, Past National Secretary, National Treasurer and Stenographer were most beautiful, being paintings upon the native orangewood of the State. Thanks were returned to the donors, by each recipient, for the lovely gifts.

Mrs. Rothrock moved, That the old gavel be presented to Sue A. Pike Sanders, Past National President, as a souvenir.

Mrs. Wickins responded that the old gavel had been presented to the National Convention in 1885 by Kentucky, and that it could not be given; besides, she wished to use it herself, as well as to have the Past Presidents do so.

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Miller, That the Convention stand adjourned. [Carried.]

The President declared the Tenth National Convention adjourned.

COMMITTEES OF CONVENTION.

ON CREDENTIALS.

Ella Cobean, Illinois.
 Carrie L. Davis, Kentucky.
 Mary A. H. Cadden, Maryland.
 Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin.
 Isabella Kirkendall, Montana.

ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

President's Address :

Abbie Lynch, Pennsylvania.
 Henrietta Steismeyer, Missouri.
 Mary E. Leavens, Minnesota.
 Clara E. Nichols, Iowa.
 Amanda B. Tisdell, Nebraska.

National Senior Vice-President's Report :

Mary E. Bancroft, Ohio.
 Ella Boggs, Washington.
 Abbie R. Flagg, Michigan.
 Amanda T. Newcomb, Vermont.
 Mary S. McFie, New Mexico.

National Junior Vice-President's Report :

Emma B. Manchester, Nebraska.
 Augusta B. Hammond, Connecticut.
 Lizzie R. Herrick, Washington.
 Josephine B. Lewis, Louisiana.
 Jennie L. Jones, Utah.

National Secretary's Report :

Charity Rusk Craig, Wisconsin.
Mary E. Knowles, Massachusetts.
Emily V. Littlefield, Maine.
Sarah E. Runnells, New Hampshire.
Mattie S. Ehrman, North Dakota.

National Treasurer's Report :

Lucy P. Bryson, South Dakota.
Fannie E. Minot, New Hampshire.
Margaret G. Tracey, Missouri.
Emma H. Wyman, Wisconsin.
Eliza A. Pillsbury, Nebraska.

National Chaplain's Report :

Sarah C. Mink, New York.
Laura Hess, Indiana.
Mary E. Wright, Maryland.
Mary M. Brown, Rhode Island.
Mary E. Inman, Missouri.

National Counselor's Report :

Agnes Hitt, Indiana.
Isabelle T. Bagley, Ohio.
Lenora W. Howe, Vermont.
Belle C. Harris, Kansas.
Harriet J. Bodge, Connecticut.

National Inspector's Report :

Mary A. McQuiston, Ohio.
Mary A. Ninekirk, Kentucky.
Sarah A. Reed, New Jersey.
Mary J. Train, Oregon.
Sarah L. Rothrock, Iowa.

National Instituting and Installing Officer's Report :

Ida V. Hendricks, Potomac.
Mary L. Carr, Colorado.
Joanna W. Turner, Washington.
Abbie J. Whittier, New Jersey.
Sara E. Holmes, South Dakota.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Bianca L. Muller, Tennessee.
Elizabeth S. Herron, Ohio.
Nettie M. Norton, Minnesota.
Charlotte J. Cummings, Pennsylvania.
Alida Rule, Tennessee.

ON COURTESIES.

Kate B. Sherwood, Ohio.
Armilla A. Cheney, Michigan.
Jennie Myerhoff, Indiana.
Ida W. Moore, Kansas.
Amelia F. Colgan, Virginia.

ON THANKS.

Emma B. Lowd, Massachusetts.
Ellen M. Putnam, New York.
Susie M. Sweet, California.
Sarah E. Hannon, Illinois.
E. Florence Barker, Massachusetts.

ON APPEALS.

Mary Sears McHenry, Iowa.
Mary A. Bradley, Illinois.
Adelaide F. Wallace, Michigan.
Jennie M. Reavely, Pennsylvania.
Climena G. Howard, Colorado.

ON NATIONAL W. R. C. HOME.

Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts.
Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin.
America Anderson, Colorado.
Ida W. Moore, Kansas.
Annie Cleary, New York.

ON PRESS.

Annie Wittenmyer, Pennsylvania.
Mary A. Wallace, Pennsylvania.
Mary E. Elliot, Massachusetts.
Inez J. Bender, Illinois.
Mary E. Lockwood, Washington, D. C.
Marion H. Brazier, Massachusetts.

ON UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Julia W. Mason, Potomac.

Georgia G. Bain, Potomac.

Flo J. Miller, Illinois.

Amanda S. Murdock, West Virginia.

Lelia L. Smith, South Dakota.

ON CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY PENSION COMMITTEE.

Fannie B. Matthews, California.

Allaseba M. Bliss, Michigan.

Melissa Caylor, Indiana.

Mary E. Starkweather, Minnesota.

Hattie H. Willard, Michigan.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

TO THE

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 21, 1892.

JOHN PALMER,

Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade: It affords me pleasure to report to you, and through you to the Twenty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic now assembled, the success of the Woman's Relief Corps during the past year. Our Order now extends to every State and Territory of the Union excepting Alabama. We also have Corps in Montreal, Canada, and in the City of Mexico. Though under foreign flags our veterans dwell, they never forget the Stars and Stripes, under which they fought for our Union. Each of these Posts in a foreign country have an Auxiliary which joins them in extending the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Near the shores of Lake Erie, at Madison, Ohio, we have a Home, which is indeed "Sweet Home" to the dear old mothers of the war, who under our tender care may here spend their last days in quiet rest.

We have great reason to rejoice that the Army Nurse Pension Bill, so long contested, has finally passed both houses of Congress, received the signature of the President and is now a law. We now have a membership of over 130,000.

During the year there has been turned over to Posts,	\$34,138
Money expended for relief	61,463
Relief other than money	38,941

Thus showing that for the Grand Army, whose Auxiliary we are, we have expended \$134,542; and there is still a balance in the Relief Fund of the various Corps amounting to \$77,517; and a General Fund of \$122,536, on hand.

Not alone through dollars and cents has our charity been extended. With tender, watchful care we have ministered to the sick and the dying, surrounded weeping friends and helpless children with patient, loving care. With honor due the loyal soldier and his loved ones, we have performed the last sad rites and covered their graves with flowers.

Words of approval extended by the organization of which you stand as the highest representative are, I assure you, appreciated by the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, which is honored in being the only recognized Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is our desire to retain the honored position we have gained, and stand as ready messengers of Charity, so long as the flag of our country floats over its brave defenders.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President, W. R. C.

Ellie Coburn

National Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 23, 1893.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.:

The Committee on Courtesies, in discharge of their duties and by order of Convention, forwarded greetings to the President of the United States and Mrs. Harrison; to Mrs. Gen. U. S. Grant, Past National President Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Major Robert Henry Hendershott, Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock; and Louise A. Robbins, Past Department President of Michigan W. R. C. Greetings were received from all of the above, save the President.

The following is a copy of a letter sent to President Harrison: —

HEADQUARTERS W. R. C.,
NEW YORK AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21, 1892.

GREETINGS OF

Tenth National Convention Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, to the President of the United States and distinguished citizen soldier, Benjamin F. Harrison, and to his beloved and honored wife, Mrs. Carrie Scott Harrison:

And may the Great Commander comfort, strengthen and support them in the hours of sorrow and affliction through which they have been called to pass.

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary.

From the Committee on Courtesies.

KATE B. SHERWOOD,

Chairman.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

KATE B. SHERWOOD,
ARMILLA A. CHENEY,
JENNIE MYERHOFF,
IDA W. MOORE,
AMELIA F. COLGAN,
Committee on Courtesies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 23, 1892.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.:

The committee to whom was assigned the pleasant task of preparing suitable expressions of gratitude for the many courtesies received by the members of the Tenth National Convention from the various committees of the Department of the Potomac Woman's Relief Corps and citizens of Washington, has performed its duty and begs leave to submit the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the officers and members of the Tenth National Convention Woman's Relief Corps appreciate the many courtesies extended by the several committees of the Department of the Potomac Woman's Relief Corps and citizens of Washington to make our visit to the great capital city of our Nation one of pleasure and interest, and accept them in the same spirit and cordiality in which they were given.

Resolved, That to the generous and hospitable citizens of Washington we proffer our thanks for the use of carriages, whereby the National and Department officers were enabled to view the beautiful city, whose magnificence and grandeur were made possible by the defenders of the Nation.

Resolved, That for the loyal and cordial tenders of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches for the use of this Convention during its session in Washington we are deeply indebted. The generous rivalry, without distinction of creed, to welcome us to the enjoyment of the comforts and privileges of these Christian temples speak more eloquently than words of the unity of loyalty and the brotherhood of man in this center of our Nation's life.

Resolved, That we cannot express too earnestly our gratitude for the generous provision made for the comfort of the members of this Convention, in the delicious and bountiful lunches furnished by the Department of the Potomac Woman's Relief Corps and the ladies of the Citizens' Sub-Committee of Washington.

Resolved, That the beautiful Souvenir Badge presented by the Citizens' Committee of Washington to each representative be cherished as a valued memento of the Tenth National Convention.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Convention be tendered to all citizens and comrades of this and other Departments who so thoughtfully and generously provided for the National Officers and members of this Convention, by the gift of tickets to the reviewing stands and receptions.

We heartily appreciate the many invitations tendered to be present at receptions and reunions, and thank the committees, one and all, for the hospitality so freely offered. The many pleasant hours spent in the homes and assemblies of this city will be among our brightest recollections.

Resolved, That to the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans our heartfelt thanks are due for their generous offer to care for the graves of the honored Union dead buried at Andersonville and in other burial places in the South. The spirit which animates them is born of that loyalty which prompted their fathers to give up their lives on the altar of their country, and assures us that they are worthy sons of worthy sires. We bid them "God speed" in the grand work which they have undertaken.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to the Senate Committee on Pensions of the Fifty-second Congress, for services and courtesies to the Woman's Relief Corps in connection with the "Army Nurse Bill."

That special thanks are due to Hon. C. K. Davis, chairman of the committee, for his gallant defence of the Army Nurses and complimentary mention of the Woman's Relief Corps on the floor of the Senate; also to Hon. A. N. Martin, of Indiana, chairman of the Pension Committee of the House; to Hon. W. H. Butler, of Iowa, author of "the Butler Bill," and to all those who contributed to the final victory by their signal support of the "Army Nurse Bill."

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the management of all railroads who courteously reduced the rates of transportation for members of our Order, and for their unceasing care for our comfort and safety.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

EMMA B. LOWD,
ELLEN M. PUTNAM,
SUSIE M. SWEET,
SARAH E. HANNON,
E. FLORENCE BARKER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE.

ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.

Dear Madam :

I have the honor to report, as Chairman of the Press Committee of the Tenth National Convention, a summary of the work accomplished by that Committee.

Immediately after my appointment, I began to arrange for the work, that it might be done thoroughly and well.

The Associated Press and the United Press, both entered into my plans most heartily ; and during the entire Convention accepted dispatches daily, of about a half a column, for the morning and evening papers.

The manager of the United Press was always on hand when the Convention adjourned, to secure the coveted manuscript ; and as there was a great variety, *no two dispatches being alike*, he was often allowed to make choice when the type-writer finished the different copies.

The leading newspapers of the country very gladly accepted the offer of free daily dispatches, but requested that they be sent through their own local correspondents.

The local correspondents were found to be uncertain, and many papers were not reached who depended upon them. That was the only drawback in attempting to reach all the large dailies in the country. It could have been done, if our messengers could have found their agents at their offices. But, nevertheless, the work of the Convention was more widely and thoroughly reported than ever before.

Some of the members of the Committee were taken up with other Convention duties, so that it was impossible for them to

serve, and I was compelled to secure others; and yet the force was so small, that I was obliged to do double duty during the whole Convention.

Miss Mary E. Elliot of Boston, Mrs. Mary A. Wallace of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Joanna W. Turner, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood and Mrs. May E. Gist of Washington, rendered valuable service. Miss Elliot, especially, was untiring in her work.

Great care was taken to give to the papers only such items of business and general information as would be suitable for the general public and be to the best interests of the Woman's Relief Corps. No questions in controversy were reported. As all articles were read by me before they went into the hands of the type-writer, and afterwards carefully read, mistakes were well guarded against.

This Committee must not be held accountable for reports sent out by others, not connected with the Committee, who, in attempting to furnish sensational articles, in some cases did great injustice to others and injured the cause they aimed to advance.

I am of the opinion that the same plans will work well with the Associated and United Press, but that we must deal directly with other papers instead of through local correspondents, who have, as a rule, more on their hands than they can attend to at such a time.

I advise that the work be continued, but that the force be chosen outside of the members of the Convention, as the duties of the Press Committee are too heavy to be undertaken by those who are burdened with Convention business.

Not knowing that a report would be expected, I find it impossible to secure the signatures of the other members of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

ANNIE WITTENMYER,

Chairman Press Committee.

LETTER FROM PAUL VAN DER VOORT,

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, G. A. R.

Women of the Relief Corps:

I can find no words to utter the tender, loving thanks that well up in my heart when I contemplate your testimonial. When I was made an Honorary Member of the National Order, I was delighted. When I was presented the magnificent badge, I was overjoyed and grateful. When you agreed you would have no other honorary member, I thought life was full of blessings. And then to round up and fill my heart to overflowing, you vote to couple my name with the charming, gentle, noble heroine whose wonderful work has crowned with tender hands and loving heart two wars, two worlds, and made a record it would take all of earth's choicest words to write, and can only be fully estimated by the divine pen that will indite the last records in the book of life. To be an Honorary Member and given a noble gift to preserve forever in the family, is grand; but to be considered worthy of being named in the same sentence with Clara Barton is honor indeed. To those who brought this about, — to the Convention who unanimously voted such a precious memorial, — I return my thanks, with all my heart, and pledge anew devotion, love and faith to the Woman's Relief Corps. I have thought and suffered much. My boyhood in the prison pen, my life full of care, my heart crushed and torn again and again with sorrows many and sore, my motives questioned, my character slandered and maligned by even comrades — the burdens of life have fallen on me heavy. I have been blessed with a noble wife, bright children, true friends; and yet I have been pursued with poison pens and forked tongues: yet in all the land I have never heard of a member of the Relief Corps that did not throw over my faults the mantle of charity and give me far more virtues than I ever claimed to possess. Your good-will and tender kindness has cheered me on when I think I would have fallen many a time. So much personal: now for the future.

"I trust the Woman's Relief Corps will be perpetual. That long after the last soldier is mustered out you will find a mission holy enough to still band you together. The world is full of woe. Thousands are starving even in our own land. Countless ones are homeless through no fault of their own. Disease, pestilence, famine, gaunt misery and hollow-eyed want fill the nation. True and tender young girls seek employment, and

when secured are unable to live on the pittance. Thousands throng the streets under the gas and electric light in the crowded cities, because work cannot be secured. The world is full of misery. Women have the hardest lot: fewer avenues of employment are open. Orphan children are all over the land. We pity, but cannot always save. To help the needy, to educate the orphan, to find employment for the tender plants thrown upon the world; to help the young, tender, innocent girls; to crown the aged with blessings and benedictions; to aid and hold up the helpless; to sustain, cheer and care for the afflicted; to bring help, medicine, comfort to the sick; to bless, pray with, comfort the dying: surely in all these are avenues enough to find work for all the willing hands, and give opportunity for all the tender hearts to work all their days.

When we of the Grand Army die, the Relief Corps should not fold its hands, lay down its banners, put away their badges and disband. No! they should live on through all the ages, and do good to humanity. As a Red Cross organization, as a Woman's Relief Corps, they should continue to bless the nation. They should broaden their organization, enlarge its objects and build it up on new lines, and march down the avenues of time "heroines in the strife." When I gave you my hand, with my heart in it, and helped start you on your holy mission, I never expected you would give up your Order when our days were ended. And now, with my eyes looking into the future, — its awful needs, — I pray to you in this Convention, who will live until the last comrade is in his tomb, to take up the burden, grasp the work in the way I have pointed out or in some noble way worthy of your past history, and pursue your heaven-born labor of love. I cannot be with you. I have given my reasons to one of your number. Perhaps it is better so. I invoke upon you to be true to your grand work. Let dissension perish. Let ambition, selfishness — all sordid thoughts — disappear forever. Be sisters in all the tender, saintly ways the loving word implies. Help each other; love each other, and the glorious Order you so grandly have aided, blessed and sanctified. Go on in your tender mission. Light up the households of care; alleviate hunger. Cheer the old veteran; bless the soldiers' homes, public and private. Educate the orphan; clothe the ragged. How beautiful all your ways have been. Be just and gentle in all your official dealings; not envious, but full of Charity, Fraternity and Love. I trust you will have a grand Convention. And should it be your will that you may place at your head my long-time friend — always true, always womanly, always faithful — Mary A. Logan: I loved her husband all his days. I mourned him like a brother when he died. I always want earth's choicest blessings to rest on her, so worthy to be the wife of one of the grandest men that ever lived.

God bless you all.

PAUL VAN DER VOORT,
National Honorary Member.

DECISIONS OF TENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

1. That there will be no change made in Rules and Regulations after the first edition of each administration; that in this edition the Rules and Regulations, Red Book and Ritual be made to conform to each other.

2. That the National Pension Committee be dissolved and its unfinished business be transferred to the National Woman's Relief Corps Home Board, and that the Home Board be empowered to incur such expenditures as shall make the bill passed by Congress operative at the earliest possible period.

3. That Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, President of the Home Board, in recognition of her important services in behalf of Army Nurse legislation and of her eminence during and since the war in every line of soldier activities, be employed as the Special Agent of the National Woman's Relief Corps, to prosecute the claims of Army Nurses at Washington, with such compensation as the National Council shall decide upon.

4. That a complete roster of every National Administration be recorded in the new official Roster, and that hereafter all National Presidents be instructed to have the record complete at the close of their respective administrations, in order to avoid all possible errors.

5. That the word "annually" be inserted in the place of "quarterly," in Sect. 10, Art. VI., Chap. IV.

6. That all supplies not needed at National Headquarters be held by National Treasurer, to save the expense of annual expressage.

7. That it be left with Departments to decide as to numbers given new Corps on the Roster.

8. That the National Woman's Relief Corps be properly represented at the World's Fair in 1893.

9. That the National President and Council be empowered to make such arrangements as are necessary to insure a creditable exhibit at the World's Fair.

10. That findings or sentences of Courts of Inquiry shall be promulgated through special orders for the Department in which the trouble originated, sending such orders outside of the Department to members of the National Staff and Departments only.

11. That as the badges of National officers revert with office, and pay is required therefor, that Sect. 11, Art. XV., Chap. V., requiring payment, be abolished and ordered eliminated from Rules and Regulations.

12. That Department Treasurers upon retiring from office furnish their successors a list of supplies on hand; also, one of such as will be needed at once.

13. That the incoming National President be instructed to issue a special appeal in behalf of the Colored Orphans' Home, represented by Rev. J. A. Jackson, 660 King Street, Charleston, S. C.

14. That Past National Secretaries and Treasurers have a vote in National Convention.

15. That National officers who are entitled to seats in the National Convention be allowed seats in all Department Conventions.

16. That obsolete Memorial Day blanks be destroyed and only last edition be used.

17. That the remarks in the summary of Inspector's reports be not published in the Journals of Department Convention Proceedings.

18. That the precedent established for Corps should also govern Departments; and where Department cases demand National investigation, the expense must be borne by the Department.

19. That the Service Book be revised to read that "Form L shall be filled out by the Corps Secretary, attested by the retiring President and Installing Officer on the inside fold, and approved on the outside fold by the newly-installed President."

(Slips to be pasted in Service Books on hand, said slips to be furnished Departments by the National, and to Corps by the Departments, at the expense of National. Slips to have space for street and number.)

20. That the Proceedings of the Conventions held in Denver and Minneapolis be reprinted, and copies of the same be distributed under the direction of National Council, after sufficient orders, accompanied by the money, have been received to warrant incurring the expense.

21. That Corps shall notify Department Secretaries of the death of any army nurse that may be known to them, and the Department Secretaries report the same to the Secretary of the Home Board.

22. That the sum of \$200 be presented Annie Wittenmyer, in recognition of her long and arduous services at Washington, in behalf of the Army Nurse Pension Bill.

23. That the Secretary of the Board of Directors of National W. R. C. Home be allowed such a salary as the Board may think just and proper.

24. That a duplicate copy of Department Election Returns shall be sent to the Secretary of the W. R. C. Home Board, at the same time and manner as to the National Secretary, the National Secretary to send an extra blank for this purpose at time of issuing.

25. That Mrs. Ada F. Clark, having complied with financial requirements of the Court, and the Rules and Regulations of the Order, the sentence is hereby removed, and the verdict of the Court has been sustained by the Convention.

26. That the incoming administration be instructed to ascertain what graves of loyal women in our National cemeteries are without marks, and that all such be furnished with headstones during the coming year by the W. R. C., unless the same can be obtained from the government upon application. Amended by request, permitting Illinois to furnish headstone for one grave found unmarked, which is that of an Illinois woman.

27. That the words "present and voting" be inserted after the word Post, in line 14, Sect. 6, Art. I., Chap. II., Rules and Regulations.

28. That Credential Cards be again used by Departments and National Conventions.

29. That the words "through the Department Secretary" be inserted in Sect. 9, Art. VI., Chap. III., and between the words "same" "as."

30. That a copy of all National General Orders and a copy of National Convention Proceedings be sent from National Headquarters direct, to each outgoing and incoming and permanent representative of National Convention.

31. That hereafter the National Inspector be instructed to send Assistant Inspector's blanks direct to Department Inspector, to be distributed by her to Assistant Inspectors selected by the Department President.

32. That Rules and Regulations be changed so as to allow of initiation at special meeting without dispensation.

33. That memorial flags be abolished.

34. That the ballot be distributed and collected by the Conductors.

35. That the following questions be added to our Inspection blanks and appear as Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10: "Does the Treasurer notify all members in arrears, as required by obligation? Are all members when two quarters in arrears for dues reported as suspended in quarterly reports? Are all members when four quarters in arrears reported as dropped? Does the Corps Treasurer or her Assistant visit and explain our laws to delinquent members, as provided in Ritual, page 34."

36. That in printed delinquent blanks, for the words "and you are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned," be substituted the following: "will you kindly remit the amount before . . . 1st, that we may close our books for the quarter and be enabled to make a full report to Department Headquarters on that day, as is required by Corps Officers."

37. That the following be added, as Sect. 14, to Art. VII., Chap. V.: "that Department and National Presidents, as reviewing Officers in Court of Inquiry proceedings, may, with the advice and consent of their Council, revise, remit or reduce the sentence of a Court of Inquiry in meritorious cases, according to their best judgment."

38. That Sect. 9, Art. VI., Chap. III., be amended by inserting "or at the written request of five members."

39. That Sect. 10, Art. VI., Chap. III., be amended by inserting "or at the written request of three members."

40. That National President and Secretary, after receiving the "Decisions of Convention" from retiring Past National Secretary, revise Rules and Regulations to conform to the then existing decisions of Convention before another edition is printed.

41. That the Convention accept the kind and generous offer of Corporal James Tanner, to prosecute free of charge all claims of army nurses for pensions entrusted to him by the Woman's Relief Corps.

42. That the Convention sustain the action taken by the National President relative to Potomac Corps, according to instructions given by Tenth National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps.

43. That we recommend "Echoes of Liberty," published by F. E. Belden, Battle Creek, Mich., as a suitable book of songs for entertainments and Memorial Day. Departments desiring copies, to order from the publisher direct, thereby receiving the full benefit of the per cent offered for the relief fund from Mr. Belden.

44. That the Board of Directors of the National W. R. C. Home be instructed to co-operate with the management of the Homes in the country, both State and National, to secure from Congress such legislation as shall require inmates of Soldiers' Homes to pay over a portion of their pension money each quarter for the support of wives and families dependent upon them. At the meeting of the Directors, in order to make this decision effective, a committee, consisting of Mrs. Emma B. Lowd, Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, Mrs. Margaret Ray Wickins, was appointed to take charge of this work.

45. That the Woman's Relief Corps institute efforts to place women matrons and nurses in all our Soldiers' Homes, State and National. It is recommended that the National President in General Orders enjoin Departments to this end. In compliance with the above, Department Presidents in their several Departments will, by appointment of committee or by personal effort, endeavor to secure the desired appointments.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Mrs. ELLA COBEAN,

National Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam :

The City of Washington was never, perhaps, more beautiful than on the occasion of the meeting of the Twenty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Tenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Seemingly everything possible had been done to receive and welcome its defenders of 1861 to 1865, as represented by the Grand Army of the Republic, which as an organization may never again march at the Nation's Capital.

Sunday morning prior to National Convention found many delegates in the city. As they arrived they were met, welcomed and cared for by the officers and members of the Department of the Potomac W. R. C. Great credit is due this little Department for the royal manner in which they received and entertained the National Woman's Relief Corps, from its highest official to its humblest member. The close proximity of Department Headquarters to Ebbitt House, where National Headquarters were established, was a happy arrangement and added greatly to the convenience of all. The Department President, Ida V. Hendricks, made this her temporary home, and with her able staff and official corps of assistants ever at hand were enabled to be in constant attendance upon the National Officers, lightening the burdens of their work by personal attention to every comfort; while at their own Headquarters the hand of hospitality was ever outstretched and the comforts of home ever prevailed.

Through the same thoughtful consideration the National and Department Officers were on Monday afternoon favored with a delightful carriage drive, whereby all were enabled to visit many places of historic interest and view the magnificent scenery around

and about Washington, which was wonderfully refreshing after the long and tiresome journeyings made to reach the capital and will linger long in the memory and hearts of all.

On Tuesday came the parade — grand, inspiring, pathetic. A nation looked on and cheered and wept: cheered for those present, wept for the fallen. Every heart swelled with pride when the “boys” again took possession of the world-renowned and magnificent Pennsylvania Avenue and renewed the triumphant march of 1865. Boys no more in years, but ever boys to us. The officers of the National Convention, through friends, secured tickets to the grand stand. The National President desires hereby to extend thanks to Col. Deane of Massachusetts for his personal ticket, which enabled her to witness this grand parade.

The Baptist Church at the corner of 16th and O Streets (Dr. Davis, Pastor) was secured by the Department of the Potomac in which to hold Convention. It was elegantly and artistically decorated with clusters of silken flags surmounted by great golden eagles with outspread wings; rich drapery, national emblems, rare floral designs and palms made the handsome church a bower of beauty. Placards attached by broad ribbons to seats designated the location of different delegations and added a new feature to Tenth Convention. A fine piano was also furnished and a clever pianist was always in attendance.

Preparations were here made to furnish luncheon during the entire Convention. Extensive tables were spread in the lower rooms, with capacity for seating all delegates and members. At each plate was a gem of art in the form of a menu card, which guests retained as souvenirs. The menu for the first day was very elaborate, to which ample justice and great praise was given. Change of menu was prepared for each day — in fact everything pertaining to preparations made by the ladies of the Department was in abundance and arranged in exquisite taste.

Through their thoughtful care a carriage was in readiness for the accommodation of the National President at any moment. They also supplied the National President and Staff with tickets to numerous banquets, receptions and entertainments, always accompanied by the tendering of proper escort and carriages, never

forgetting they were their guests. Many of these courtesies were necessarily though reluctantly declined, owing to the prolonged sessions of the Convention.

A grand reception was tendered the members of the Order by the Department of the Potomac at their headquarters at the Corcoran on Tuesday evening, which was a grand success and largely attended.

Subsequent to Convention the newly-elected and many Past National Officers enjoyed, through the courtesy of Mrs. Hendricks, a carriage drive to Arlington, that sacred Necropolis — that city of the soldier dead, whose every silent inhabitant gave his precious life to save Washington — the great city below — the pulsating heart of our great Republic. Not to have seen Arlington and set foot on its sacred soil would have been a loss irreparable and one ever to be regretted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

JULIA W. MASON,
AMANDA L. MURDOCK,
GEORGIA G. BAIN,
LELIA L. SMITH,
FLO J. MILLER,
Committee.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DELAVAN, ILLINOIS, August 10, 1891.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 1.

I. Having been elected National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Ninth Annual Convention, held at Detroit, August 4-8, 1891, I hereby accept the sacred trust and extend to the members of the Order my truest allegiance to the confidence expressed in bestowing upon me the highest office in the gift of our noble Order.

II. The elected and appointed officers will be announced in future orders.

III. All orders for supplies will be addressed to Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, Detroit, Michigan, as before.

IV. Headquarters are hereby established at Delavan, Illinois.

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
National President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DELAVAN, ILLINOIS, September 1, 1891.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 2.

I. The Ninth Annual Convention of the National Woman's Relief Corps, held at Detroit, Michigan, Aug. 3-8, 1891, elected officers as follows for the ensuing year:—

President—

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS, Delavan, Illinois.

Senior Vice-President—

MARGARET R. WICKINS, Sabetha, Kansas.

Junior Vice-President—

MARY LYLE REYNOLDS, Covington, Kentucky.

Treasurer—

ARMILLA A. CHENEY, Detroit, Michigan.

Chaplain—

CLARA BARTON, Washington, D. C.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Executive Board —

E. FLORENCE BARKER, Malden, Mass.,
 ANNIE WITTENMYER, Sanatoga, Penn., } Life Members.
 SARAH E. FULLER, Medford, Mass., }

MEMBERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR.

LYDIA C. HOPKINS, 430 Rush St., Detroit, Mich.
 ELIZA A. CAUKINS, Portland, Oregon.
 ELLEN M. PUTNAM, 1143 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
 MARY M. BROWN, 1 Leonard Ave., E. Providence, R. I.
 BIANCA L. MULLER, Chattanooga, Tenn.

II. The following appointments have been made: —

Secretary —

ELLA COBEAN, Delavan, Ill.

Inspector —

EMILY J. BUTTERFIELD, Evansville, Ind.

Counselor —

EMMA STARK HAMPTON, Detroit, Mich.

Instituting and Installing Officer —

LENA ROBB, Marysville, Ohio.

National Pension and Relief Committee —

KATE B. SHERWOOD, Chairman, Canton, Ohio.
 MARY A. LOGAN, Washington, D. C.
 CLARA BARTON, Washington, D. C.
 LIZABETH A. TURNER, Boston, Mass.
 HARRIETTE L. REED, Secretary, Dorchester, Mass.

III. Board of Directors of National W. R. C. Home: —

ANNIE WITTENMYER, Chairman, Sanatoga, Penn.
 PLUMA L. COWLES, Secretary, Geneva, Ohio.
 EMMA B. LOWD, Salem, Mass.
 SARAH C. MINK, Watertown, N. Y.
 CHARITY RUSK CRAIG, Viroqua, Wis.

IV. The following Provisional Department Presidents are hereby appointed: —

Arkansas —

JULIA THOMPSON, Texarkana.

Montana —

ISABELLA KIRKENDALL, Helena.

New Mexico —

MARY S. S. MCFIE, White Oaks.

Tennessee—

BIANCA L. MULLER, Chattanooga.

Virginia—

MARY A. SAMPLE, Savageville.

West Virginia—

AMANDA S. MURDOCK, Wheeling.

These officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

V. All Corps of Provisional Departments must order their supplies through Provisional Department Treasurers.

VI. U. S. Grant Corps, No. 1, of Wilmington, Delaware, is hereby attached to the Department of Pennsylvania, to whose headquarters they will hereafter report.

VII. John A. Logan Corps, No. 13, Hampton, Va., is hereby attached to the Department of the Potomac and will hereafter report to the same.

VIII. All members of the Order having copies of the Red Book, issued prior to the Ninth National Convention, must return the same to National Headquarters without delay.

IX. All Department Presidents are hereby requested to send to these Headquarters a certified list of the names of the Presidents of the Corps in their respective Departments, as soon as possible.

X. Department Secretaries' blanks (the former Form C) must be obtained through Department Treasurers the same as Form A, and in its place the National Secretary will send to Department Secretaries the new Form C, which is to be returned to National Secretary when filled out.

XI. All communications from Departments must come to these Headquarters through the proper channel, to insure recognition.

XII. As unofficial calls are constantly being made to draw from the funds properly belonging to the Woman's Relief Corps, which are reserved for and devoted to their specific work, Department Presidents are hereby requested to instruct their Corps through General Orders that all legitimate calls for funds for special objects or purposes, *other than local*, will be made through Department or National General Orders; all others should be rejected.

XIII. At a meeting of the National Council, held at Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Michigan, Saturday evening, Aug. 8, 1891, the following motion was sustained:—

“That six new rituals be furnished free to each Corps in place of the ritual cards now in use; the four rituals to be retained and at any time changed at the expense of the Corps; also, that each Corps Inspector be commanded at the time of inspection to collect and burn all rituals and ritual cards not in use and make report of the same over her signature on regular inspection blanks.”

National and Department Inspectors must make the above command emphatic.

XIV. As official duties consume the entire time at National Headquarters, it is impossible to respond personally to the hundreds of beautiful and affectionate letters of congratulation that have been received, bearing souvenirs, kind wishes and Godspeed from all parts of our loved country. Sometime during the year, dear friends, your efforts shall be duly recognized; until then accept many thanks and be assured that every loyal word and pledge of fidelity is gratefully appreciated.

XV. Unusual interest always attends the first Corps meeting following National Convention, thus showing the common interest in the legislation of this grand body of women.

As several weeks must pass before the records are published, the assurance of continued advancement and prosperity of our National organization accompany these orders.

The past year has been unusually full of work and responsibility. Our National W. R. C. Home has ripened into a blessed reality, and our army nurses are seeking its grateful support and care. Not only assistance but tokens of love and remembrance are constantly being received from the Corps, to remind these dear women of our constant labor in appreciation of their past lives, their tender hearts and hands that loved and cared for our sick and wounded soldiers. When the records are printed, let every member of the Order, especially those who were unable to attend National Convention, procure a copy and acquaint themselves with the magnitude of our work and wonderful amount of charity extended, that they may go forth with new zeal to enlarge our ranks, extend our principles, and in the abundance of their charity show to the world that the women of our Order appreciate, venerate and commemorate the loyal men and women that stood by "our flag" and protected the liberty we enjoy today.

XVI. The new National password accompanies these orders.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President.

Ellie Coburn

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DELAVER, ILLINOIS, September 5, 1891.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

The following decisions of the Ninth National Convention are hereby promulgated. This announcement renders void all former laws conflicting herewith: —

DECISIONS OF NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

1. That Paul Van Der Voort and Clara Barton shall be carried perpetually on the roll as the only honorary members, and certificates of honorary membership be prepared for them.

2. That \$2,000 be voted from the General Fund and placed in the National W. R. C. Home Fund.

3. That on the receipt of the election returns, the National Secretary shall forward to National Chaplain a correct list of names and addresses of Department Chaplains and Presidents of Detached Corps.

4. That Assistant National Inspectors charge only for actual expenses for travelling and entertainment, while on duty auditing Department books.

5. That Department Secretaries use the large sheets, Form C, hereafter known as Form E, for consolidating Corps reports, to be kept on file at Department Headquarters, and place the totals of this report on the New Form C, to be forwarded with Form D and the *per capita* tax to the National Secretary. Form E will hereafter be obtained from Department Treasurers.

6. That the National *per capita* tax be restored to two cents per quarter.

7. That the National President be allowed, by and with the consent of National Council, to issue appeals to Corps through General Orders, for relief in cases of great National need. Corps responding to such appeals shall transmit their donations to the National Treasurer, through Department Treasurers, that Departments may receive proper credit therefor.

8. That the chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the National W. R. C. Home remain in the elected Board, as provided for by the Eighth National Convention.

9. That \$150 be allowed the National President for an assistant in her office.

10. That the National Treasurer pay the postage on all National Journals sent to Corps President as Corps property, the Department President to furnish a certified list of names and addresses of those in their Departments that are entitled to them, the same to be forwarded as per instructions of National President.

11. That the Department Treasurer's consolidated blank will hereafter be *free* and known as Form F.

12. That the National Chaplain issue a circular letter in the month of May, giving explicit directions to Department Chaplains in regard to their work.

13. That a woman whose husband was disloyal during the war, is eligible to membership, if she can show that she is loyal and has always been loyal.

14. That it is the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of a special meeting, according to Rules and Regulations, and that a notification through the newspapers is *not* a legal notice.

15. That a Past Department President who removes from the State in which she gained her right to vote in National Convention, does not lose her past honors and seat in National Convention as long as she remains a member in good standing of any Corps. She has not, however, a seat in the Department Convention in which she now resides.

16. That a Department President cannot give a dispensation to initiate at a special meeting. It is contrary to Rules and Regulations.

17. That to elect an officer by acclamation the vote *must* be unanimous.

18. That all bills should be presented by the Secretary to the Corps for approval, save those coming under the jurisdiction of committees. After acceptance, bills shall be filed with the Treasurer or Secretary, as the Department may legislate.

19. That a single member of the Auditing Committee *has not* the right to audit the books of the Treasurer. A *majority* of the committee is necessary.

20. That the President has the right to appoint special committees for special purposes.

21. That a Corps, Department or National President cannot reprove or officially reprimand an officer or member, unless it is authorized by the verdict of a court of inquiry. Every member of the Order is deemed innocent until proven guilty.

22. That Corps members can receive the password from their Corps President only.

23. That applications for charter contain the same questions that are asked on applications for membership.

24. That the resolution in regard to having separate cottages in every State for insane soldiers is worthy of consideration.

25. That a Department Council is a subordinate body. All their proceedings must be submitted to the Department Convention to be legalized, or they have no force or standing in law.

26. That a Department Convention is a subordinate body, and cannot pass by-laws contrary to Rules and Regulations or Service Book.

27. That a Post Commander or Past Post Commander may install the newly-elected officers of a Corps, if selected by the officers to be installed and detailed by the Department President for the duty. This is authorized by the Service Book.

28. That a Department President cannot send an Installing Officer not chosen by the newly-elected officers.

29. That all members are on an equality in the Woman's Relief Corps and are eligible to any office, and when commissioned by the Department President to install the officers of a Corps she becomes an officer by appointment.

30. That a Past President joining another Corps by transfer is carried on the roster of the Corps she served when she won the right to a seat in Department Convention. Her name is also carried on the roster of the Corps she has joined by transfer—not as a Past President, but as a member. In brief, she represents the work in the Department by virtue of honors earned in the Corps, and is carried on their roster as a Past Corps President. The Corps she joined by transfer vouches as to her good standing as a member.

31. That an officer against whom charges have been preferred does *not* lose her honors until she is proven guilty by a court of inquiry.

32. A member taking a transfer card from a Corps whose charter has been revoked, and depositing it in another Corps, entirely severs her connection with the Corps whose charter is revoked. Should charter be restored she could be re-admitted only by transfer in regular manner.

33. That the Rituals of our Order are the property of the Corps; they cannot be sold to Past Corps Presidents or given away.

34. That children over two years of age cannot be admitted to Corps meetings.

35. That the incoming National President use her prerogative and place the Detached Corps of Potomac in the Department of Potomac.

36. That the words "through transfer" on page 34, new Ritual, be stricken out.

37. That legislation enacted at the Eighth National Convention contrary to the eligibility clause of membership in the Woman's Relief Corps be annulled.

38. That the Red Book be published by the National Woman's Relief Corps, and that the sum of \$200 be paid Annie Wittenmyer for her work in compiling the book.

39. That the incoming National President order in all Red Books previously issued.

40. That the National President inquire into the condition of the Corps of North and South Dakota and take such steps as may be necessary to relieve the burden of *per capita* tax, in part or whole, until such time as they may be self supporting.

41. That the National President, in General Orders, may present the call of the Board of Trustees, Department of Georgia, G. A. R. (Headquarters at Macon), for the improvement of the Andersonville Prison Property so that any Corps desiring to aid in this worthy object may do so.

The following decisions, amendments and eliminations of the Rules and Regulations are hereby set forth and made official, rendering void all conflicts herewith:—

42. That every Corps Chaplain's report shall be in Department Chaplain's hands by June 10, and Department Chaplain's report in National Chaplain's hands by June 20.

43. That the words "act for them *ad interim*" be eliminated from Chapters III. and IV., Art. VI., Sect. 10, of Rules and Regulations.

44. That to Chap. V., Art. IV., Sect. 1 (arrearages), be added: "The amount of dues thus remitted shall be paid directly to the member, and she shall pay it to the Treasurer in the regular order, that both transactions may be carried on the Treasurer's books."

45. That to Sect. 8, Art. II., Chap. II., of Rules and Regulations, be added: "A member thus received shall be granted a transfer card signed by the Department President and Secretary, bearing same date as initiation."

46. That to Sect. 4, Art. VII., Chap. V., Rules and Regulations, be added: "And shall be read before the Corps at a regular meeting, notice of such charges being entertained having been given at the last meeting of the Corps. Charges must be sustained by a majority vote of the Corps, and expenses of the Court of Inquiry borne by the Corps."

47. That the words, "at a subsequent meeting," be stricken out of Art. II., Sect. 5, Chap. II., Rules and Regulations.

48. That Department Treasurers be entitled to representation in National Convention by "virtue of office."

49. That in Sect. 2, Art. I., Chap. II., the words "signed application for Charter" be substituted for the words "paid admission fee."

50. That time of inspection is now changed so as to include September, October and November.

51. That to Sect. 1, Art. V., Chap. V., be added: "that Department Inspectors' reports be sent not later than March 1."

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,

National President.

Ella Coburn

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DELAVER, ILLINOIS, November 5, 1891.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No 4.

I. Clara Barton of Washington, D. C., National Chaplain-elect, was duly installed into office at San Francisco, Cal., on the evening of October 2, 1891, by Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President. All elected and appointed National Officers and Provisional Department Presidents having been duly installed, their predecessors are hereby relieved.

II. All Corps officers are entitled to thanks from National Headquarters for their prompt action, which has enabled Department Officers to render their official reports on time. May the incoming officers learn well their duties, that they may continue the good record of the past.

III. New Rituals in complete binding have been forwarded to all Corps, free of expense *save postage*. This will be charged to each Department in accordance with number of Rituals received, the same to be paid from Department Treasury on receipt of bill from National Treasurer.

IV. Corps Presidents will please note and obey instructions in printed circular accompanying new Rituals, also all changes in blanks and Rules and Regulations. Corps and Department Officers will find it to their interest to study well the new Ritual, especially that part commencing on page 31.

Instituting and Installing Officers and Inspectors, as well as their Assistants, will also find valuable information in the front and back of the Service Book. A little time spent in careful study of these parts of the Ritual and Service Book will decrease postage bills and save unnecessary correspondence.

V. The Red Book, compiled by Annie Wittenmyer, Past National President, was adopted by the Ninth National Convention and ordered published as the law of our Order, the same as is B. B. B. for the Grand Army. It will soon be in the hands of National Treasurer, who will supply Department Treasurers, from whom Corps may obtain the same, and by careful study become familiar with the explanations of the Rules and Regulations and decisions of different National Conventions.

All Corps are hereby requested to procure a copy of the same, and by so doing decrease labor and expense at Department and National Headquarters.

VI. Department Presidents will please send dates of Department Conventions to National Headquarters as soon as ascertained.

VII. Members of the Order changing their place of residence will save trouble by waiting until they are settled in their new homes before asking transfer from their Corps.

VIII. Blanks, Form U, for reporting the Installation of Corps Officers to Department Instituting and Installing Officer, can be obtained of Department Treasurer, who will order the same from National Treasurer. This blank does not interfere with sending of Corps Election Returns to Department Headquarters.

IX. A large amount of correspondence comes to National Headquarters which properly belongs to Departments. While it might often be pleasant to respond to such, we must not assume the duties resting upon Departments. Members of the Order will receive more satisfactory replies by sending their communications through the proper channel to officials.

X. There are still six rooms unfurnished at the National W. R. C. Home. Corps applying first will receive the assignment of such rooms.

XI. In order to assist the Secretaries of the National Pension and Relief Committee and National Home Board in perfecting their work, so ably begun and advanced the past three years, Department Presidents, through General Orders, will request the Presidents of Corps in their respective Departments, and Posts where no Corps exist, to ascertain if there are any army nurses in their vicinity, and report the result to their Department Headquarters.

XII. A full list of the army nurses of each Department, with as complete a record as possible, shall be kept at Department Headquarters, and each Department President will forward a copy of the same to the Secretary of the National Pension Committee, also of the National Home Board, supplementing the same with additional records as may be thereafter collected from Corps Presidents.

XIII. Department Presidents, prior to December 15, will report to Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary of the Home Board, Geneva, Ohio, the names, also the addresses of all army nurses in their Departments in need of assistance, that the December distributions may be extended to the same.

XIV. Department Presidents will request each Corps President in her Department to have special care over all army nurses in her vicinity, caring for their needs of assistance while living, to be watchful and tender in sickness — in death respectful, in accordance with their self-sacrificing lives, and report the same at once to Department Presidents, who shall send a copy of the report to Secretaries of National Pension and Relief Committee, and National Home Board.

By following the above directions there will be no cause of neglect on the part of our Order, and all will receive due recognition and care.

XV. The Certificates of Service issued to Army Nurses have brought to National Headquarters many pathetic letters of acknowledgment, each expressive of many thanks for the tender recognition shown them by the Woman's Relief Corps. All are happy in the fact that an authentic record of their country's service may pass down to their descendants — a patriotic lesson for the future. In chilly chimney-corners and on beds of sickness many have been penned with trembling hands — some dictated by the blind — all reminding us most forcibly of our duty to these noble women for only a few more years. Let us continue our work of love, that they may gather a few rays of sunshine before their lamp of life expires.

XVI. In consideration of the fact that many Corps are benefited by having special objects to work for, and have written to National Headquarters for assignment of such work, also that many applications are on file from worthy persons connected with our veterans asking special help — such Corps are hereby requested to record their names at Department or National Headquarters, where they may be assigned these single demands for charity. Such cases as these have been reported: "An old lady perfectly dependent, eighty-five years old, whose only son and support in life was killed in the army, wants a flannel dress for winter." "A soldier with a large family has provision enough to last through the winter, but needs clothes for his children." Such are special cases, and either could be easily met by a single Corps who desired such work; and by so doing they would not only render assistance to the worthy of our comrades, but give new life to Corps that always prosper when they have some object in view. A *general* call for such cases brings a surplus that often goes to waste.

OUR MONUMENT.

XVII. While the massive and lofty marble is being piled and elevated all over our land in honor of the brave who fell in defense of their country, we, dear Sisters, as an organization are building each day a monument to the memory of our Order which cannot crumble. At Madison, Ohio, we have a neat, pleasant and comfortable home for the dear old women of the war,

those who have bound up the wounds on the battle-field, cheered the dreary hospital, or given their only support in life to their country. Here, under our watchful care, they may live in peace and comfort, enjoy their *tea* and listen to the song of birds sung as sweetly now as when their lives were young. There are now twelve inmates of the Home and room for many more. What an enthusiasm for continued labor would be wrought could every one of our one hundred and twenty thousand members visit this Home and see the fruits of their labor. When assured it is a glorious enterprise, and in keeping with the center-piece of our motto—strengthen your *Fraternity* with peace and love, while you assist in building today that which will stand in the future a monument to our memory and loyalty.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
National President.

Ella Coburn

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DELAVAN, ILLINOIS, December 1, 1891.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5.

I. The following appointments on the Staff of the National President are hereby announced:—

Senior Aide.

CARRIE COFFEEN TINKMAN, Homer, Illinois

National Aides.

ABBIE D. SYLVESTER,	. . . . .	Riverside, California
SARAH F. COX,	. . . . .	Redwood, "
JENNIE E. W. SMITH,	. . . . .	Norfolk, Connecticut
MARTHA H. HALL,	. . . . .	Mendon, "
M. BERWICK ANDERSON,	. . . . .	Boulder, Colorado
SALLIE J. ESSINGTON,	. . . . .	Pueblo, "
ELIZA J. CORNWELL,	. . . . .	Lisbon, North Dakota
JENNIE VENNUM,	. . . . .	Jamestown, "
RHODA A. HOYT,	. . . . .	Aberdeen, South Dakota
LIZZIE McMULLEN,	. . . . .	Pierre, "
MARY ALICE GAIL,	. . . . .	Aurora, Illinois
CARRIE A. BRIGGS,	. . . . .	Delavan, "
MELISSA CAYLOR,	. . . . .	Noblesville, Indiana
AGNES HITT,	. . . . .	Indianapolis, "
LEVIRA STEWART,	. . . . .	Washington, Iowa
EVA S. DAYLOR,	. . . . .	Britt, "
JULIA C. ADAMS,	. . . . .	Covington, Kentucky
AMANDA M. DAVIS,	. . . . .	Newport, "

HELEN A. BRIGHAM,	Hyde Park, Massachusetts
FLORA A. SMITH,	Colrain, "
GRACE E. HOWE,	Lewiston, Maine
ELLA C. MASON,	Biddeford, "
ELLA F. GEARHEART,	Duluth, Minnesota
ANNIE L. LANGE,	Marshall, "
HENRIETTA STEISMEIER,	St. Louis, Missouri
AGNES R. RUSSELL,	St. Joseph, "
ELIZABETH S. HUMPHREY,	Adrian, Michigan
CORNELIA S. PERRY,	Bellevue, "
A. LIZZIE FOSTER,	Milford, New Hampshire
FANNIE E. MINOT,	Concord, "
HARRIET A. LATHROP,	Syracuse, New York
SUSAN E. LEIB,	Buffalo, "
MIRIAM E. WEST,	Omaha, Nebraska
LAURA P. SMITH,	Kearney, "
HANNAH WESTPHAL,	Plainfield, New Jersey
BELLE WADMAN,	Junction, "
ADA F. CLARK,	Canton, Ohio
ELLEN M. HUFF,	Plain City, "
ORPHIA D. BALDWIN,	Portland, Oregon
MARY E. MCCOLL,	Ashland, "
HELEN S. MORRISON,	Smethport, Pennsylvania
MARY A. WALLACE,	Pittsburgh, "
AMELIA F. COLGAN,	Washington, D.C.
VENIA C. CALHOUN,	" "
ELLEN E. TILTON,	Lonsdale, Rhode Island
JULIA P. MASON,	Providence, "
HATTIE A. LORING,	San Antonio, Texas
ANNA BAILEY,	Denison, "
MARY C. FARNHAM,	Bradford, Vermont
VIOLA HESSEY,	Montreal, Canada
HELEN BURKE,	Seattle, Washington
MAY EVANS,	Walla Walla, "
KATE CLAWSON,	Monroe, Wisconsin
EDITH DE LUER,	Milwaukee, "
EMILY M. ROOTS,	Little Rock, Arkansas
HARRIET P. HINE,	Phoenix, Arizona
JANE A. WICKS,	Savannah, Georgia
JOSEPHINE B. LEWIS,	New Orleans, Louisiana
MAGGIE SINGLETON,	Vicksburg, Mississippi
SARAH A. LAWSON,	Washington, North Carolina
MARY WHITCOMB,	Albuquerque, New Mexico
EMILY E. BLAIR,	Dover, Oklahoma Ter.
SUSAN WALLACE,	Bradford, South Carolina
J. M. S. CASE,	Chattanooga, Tennessee
JENNIE L. JONES,	Salt Lake City, Utah
MARY A. SAMPLE,	Savageville, Virginia
MOLLIE M. CONWELL,	Charleston, West Virginia
FRANCES J. SUTTON,	Boise City, Idaho

Special Aides.

MAGGIE MONROE RUDISILLE,	White Oaks, New Mexico
JENNIE B. HOWISON,	Chicago, Illinois
ELIZA M. SHAW,	Helena, Montana
MARY WARTUS,	Warren, Pennsylvania
NETTIE MORTON,	Minneapolis, Minnesota
HATTIE R. MURRAY,	Homer, Michigan
LIZABETH A. TURNER,	Boston, Massachusetts
MATTIE HUMRICHOUSER,	Kankakee, Illinois

Upon the nomination of the National Inspector, the following are appointed: —

Assistant National Inspectors.

California	EVA F. BELL	St. Helena
Colorado	FRANCIS P. HALE,	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Connecticut	AUGUSTA A. PLATT	New Haven
Illinois	VESTA CADWALLADER	Lincoln
Indiana	LORETTA J. GORSUCH	South Bend
Iowa	NANNIE H. KENDIG	Knoxville
Kansas	JENNIE K. MARSH	Manhattan
Kentucky	BELLE LUDWIG	West Covington
Maine	JENNIE TOBEY	Norridgewock
Massachusetts	LEOCARDIA F. FLOWERS	Cambridgeport
Michigan	ALICE L. SEELEY	Farwell
Minnesota	ARTIMISIA D. JONES	Chatfield
Missouri	HATTIE M. HOLMES	Jefferson City
Nebraska	ALICE C. DILWORTH	Hastings
North Dakota	ROSE E. PINKHAM	Fargo
New Hampshire	ADELAIDE F. GOODWIN	Dover
New Jersey	ELIZABETH McVOY	Plainfield
New York	SARAH C. MINK	Watertown
Ohio	LIZZIE L. CARPENTER	Washington City
Oregon	SARAH E. MILLER	Forrest Grove
Pennsylvania	ANNA WILBUR	Warren
District of Columbia	SUSIE M. McCABE	Washington
Rhode Island	REBECCA B. DAVIS	East Providence
South Dakota	LELIA L. SMITH	Huron
Texas	KATE BIRCH	Denison
Vermont	FRANCENA M. POWERS	Wells River
Washington	GEORGIE MCCLELLAN	Ortung
Wisconsin	EMILY S. ABBOTT	Moman
New Mexico	MAGGIE M. RUDISILLE	White Oaks
Tennessee	HATTIE MORSE	Chattanooga
Utah	M. O. B. CUMMINGS	Salt Lake City

II. The time of the annual election of officers is at hand. As from this particular event arise the most of the difficulties with which we have to contend, arm yourselves with the interests of the Order, lay petty ambition aside, cast your ballots for those who will serve you best, and then stand by them loyally in the discharge of their duties.

III. Numerous questions and complaints have come to National Headquarters of late, in regard to the status of loyal ladies. The Rules and Regulations are most explicit on this subject — see Preamble, page 3. It seems that the question has been debated by the members of various Corps as to the rights that the wives of soldiers have over loyal women. Especially has this been questioned in the rights of office. A soldier's wife has no more rights to the Presidency, or other offices, than a loyal woman, though she had no relatives whatever in the Union army. We are commanded to take into our Corps loyal women, whether soldiers' wives or not, and as members of the Corps they are entitled to any office (without rotation to the same) in which you are pleased to place them. Members of our Order are hereby commanded to take no issue on the subject. It is contrary to Rules and Regulations.

IV. An error has been discovered which causes the Ritual and Rules Regulations to conflict. Reference is made to the duties of Treasurer. Please follow Rules and Regulations.

V. All bills of Assistant National Inspectors must be forwarded to the National Inspector, who will examine and approve and forward to National President, who will approve and order sent the National Treasurer for payment.

VI. The National G. A. R. Memorial College, of Oberlin, Kansas, having received the highest endorsement of the National Encampment, G. A. R., as well as the National Convention of the W. R. C., has well advanced upon its third year's work. The object of this institution is to give a college education to the heirs of ex-Union soldiers and sailors of the rebellion, who are unable otherwise to obtain the same. Mrs. Margaret R. Wickins, of Kansas, National Senior Vice, has been appointed General Agent of this College to solicit funds for the same. She will visit every State in the Union in its behalf; and all donations toward the support of this college, we feel assured, will be most highly appreciated by those who labor for its support, as well as those who seek highest knowledge through the charity of a grateful Nation.

VII. The Detached Corps of Louisiana and Mississippi are hereby constituted a Provisional Department; and Mrs. Josephine B. Lewis, of New Orleans, La., is duly appointed Provisional Department President of this Department.

VIII. Particular attention is called to Chapter V., Art. XVII., "Official Communications." Corps and Department Officers will please note the above article in full, and hereafter see that no communications pass their hands, unless received and forwarded in accordance with the same. All communications should be officially referred and bear the official title of the sender. There is no need of laws or an *official channel* unless they are obeyed and followed.

IX. All Department Presidents will forward to National Headquarters, as soon as can be ascertained, the full cost of Inspection in their respective Departments.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
National President.

Ellie Coburn
National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DELAVAN, ILLINOIS, April 20, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 6.

I. Being unable to secure the postoffice address of several Aides, the same were not published in General Orders, No. 5. Having been duly commissioned as such, their names are hereby announced: —

Aides.

MARY J. SUTER, Baltimore, Maryland.
 MARY REEDER, North East, Maryland.
 MARY GABRIEL, Key West, Florida.
 AMY C. RINARD, Tallapoosa, Georgia.
 HARRIET K. SCOTT, Atlanta, Georgia.

Special Aide.

JULIA A. CHASE, Hiawatha, Kansas, is hereby appointed a Special Aide on the Staff of the National President.

Assistant National Inspector.

ELIZA F. P. PRAY, Baltimore, Maryland.

II. Mrs. Margaret Lovell has been appointed Assistant National Inspector for Washington, in the place of Mrs. Georgia McLellan, resigned. Address, Tacoma, Washington.

III. The following correction is made in the name of Assistant National Inspector of Tennessee: Hattie Moore, instead of Hattie Morse.

IV. It is deemed necessary to call the attention of Department Presidents and Department Councils to Sect. 9, Act. VI., Chap. III., which reads as follows: —

SECTION 9. The Department Council shall meet prior to and immediately following the Department Convention, and at such other times and places as the Department President may order, and five members will constitute a quorum. *They shall keep full and detailed records of their proceedings and present the same as their report to the Department Convention, for the consideration of that body.*

V. From the fact that many irregularities have been reported to National Headquarters of the misuse of the badges of our Order, officers and members are hereby requested to READ CAREFULLY Art. XV., Badges, and obey the same.

VI. Department Presidents, who have not already done so, are requested to forward to National Headquarters the full cost of Department inspection.

VII. Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton, Past National Secretary, of Denison, Iowa, has been duly installed Matron of the National W. R. C. Home, Madison, Ohio, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Kate L. Cooledge.

VIII. The Journals of the Ninth National Convention have been sent to every Corps, with an extra copy which the President of each Corps will please present to her Post Commander with the compliments of Mary Sears

McHenry, Past National President. Department Presidents will please promulgate the same through General Orders, that all may obey. Journals are Corps property and do not belong to Past Presidents of Corps.

IX. Numerous questions come to National Headquarters that properly belong to Departments. Many come that are plainly answered in Rules and Regulations, and many others with lengthy opinions of the author. In sending questions to Department or National Headquarters great care should be taken in *first* consulting the Rules and Regulations, as neither Department nor National Presidents can rule contrary to written law.

X. Those desiring copies of the Ninth National Convention Journal can obtain the same of National Treasurer by enclosing fifteen cents for postage.

XI. The Corps of the Provisional Department of Virginia are hereby remanded to Detached Corps, and will hereafter report to National Headquarters.

XII. As we approach Memorial Day we are reminded of the thousands of graves that come under the care of isolated Posts, whose members are unable to give them the recognition demanded. To their appeals for assistance in rendering loving tributes of respect on our Memorial Day, let your hearts and hands respond in good-will and offerings. Though small, a tiny flag, peacefully waving over an unknown grave, speaks volumes for a grateful people and sows seed for the patriotism of future generations.

XIII. On appeal to National President in the case of Ada F. Clark *vs.* Emma F. Koons, the verdict of the Court of Inquiry, after a careful review of the testimony, is hereby set aside, and Emma F. Koons is restored to full membership and rank in the Woman's Relief Corps.

XIV. In National General Orders, No. 3, Sect. 41, the National President is instructed to present call for assistance in the purchase of the Andersonville Prison Property. It is the intention of the Department of Georgia, G. A. R., to have this property clear of all indebtedness and to present it to the National Order of the G. A. R. at the time of the National Encampment at Washington. There is a debt of \$1000 on the same, which this small Department in an isolated country is trying to raise. At the last Department Convention of Illinois W. R. C., over \$500 of this amount was subscribed. Will not the Corps of the Nation at once respond to the call for another \$500, that the sacred soil where suffered and died thousands of Union soldiers may be placed in the loving care of the Grand Army of the Republic.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
National President.

Ellie Coburn
National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DELAVAN, ILLINOIS, April 30, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 7.

They gave their lives for the preservation of the Union. Already, the violets in modest beauty are breathing their sweetest fragrance over the graves of our heroes, while beautiful May is budding the blossoms for our Memorial Day. Birds from the North have returned to begin anew their summer songs. By the fragrance of spring and the music of birds we are reminded of our most sacred duty, which comes once a year. While beautiful sunshine cheers the homes around which our charity hovers, let us with reverence prepare for this sad, sweet day our Logan named and our Nation has declared sacred.

To this day our comrades turn with saddened hearts, when they recall the scenes of the past and forget not those who fell by their sides in the battle for liberty.

For fitting and tender tributes of respect that shall express in loving recognition those sacred memories, they come to us, their recognized Auxiliary, to weave with flowers and evergreens the forms and mottoes with which to decorate the graves of their comrades.

Forgetting not the call to arms, the brave response, the shattered ranks, the tattered flags, the empty sleeves and vacant chairs, let us braid the wreaths with sweetest and rarest flowers of May for our comrades to twine around the marble shafts that bear the names of those who died that the Nation might live.

Gather the children from hamlet and mansion, and under "our flag" let them scatter flowers over the lowly mounds as they sing their songs of love in memory of the brave and listen to the lessons of patriotism, renewed each anniversary of this day, sacred to the memory of our deceased comrades.

Under the pine and cypress they sleep, in graves unknown. One little mound in the church-yard, fashioned by loving hands and covered with a mantle of flowers, will cause many a heart to throb at the thoughts of the graves hastily filled while the troops marched on.

Though they sleep in silence where no kindred hand may drop a flower or tear—even though they fell uncared for at the time—beside them lay a loyal musket, and away back in the years that are gone forever we know they were tenderly nursed on some fond mother's bosom; and from the fact that they *were* loved and loved our country, let appreciative thoughts center around an appropriate recognition of their patriotic lives.

Especially, prepare some tribute of respect to the memory of those who starved in prison, and, in doing so, strive to forgive if you cannot forget.

Remember the graves of those whose motherly hands and gentle voices are forever still. They smoothed the pillow of the dying, caught the last words for home and mother, folded the hands across silent hearts, breathed a prayer, dropped a tear, and in kindest words of sympathy, penned the message of the loved one's sacrifice. Lovingly seek their honored graves and cover them over with beautiful flowers.

Let all your thoughts be gentle, your words expressive of sacred memories, and your hearts be thankful for blessings of liberty and union preserved by those whose lives and deeds we commemorate.

It is a duty that we owe
Our patriots so true;
A few more years and we shall have
No mourners for the blue.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
National President.

Ella Coburn
National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DELAVER, ILLINOIS, June 15, 1892.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8.

I. The Tenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet in the City of Washington, D. C., the third week in September, 1892. Full particulars and appointments later.

II. Members desiring accommodations are instructed to address Mrs. Janet Richards, Secretary of Committee on Accommodations, 1527 R. I. Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C.

III. Members attending National Convention are requested to bring hand baggage only. By complying with this request much labor and inconvenience will be avoided.

IV. It has been found necessary to change the National password, which is forwarded to Department Presidents, who are instructed to promulgate the same without delay.

V. All representatives and visiting members of the Order, expecting to attend the National Convention, *must* obtain the National password, which, according to act of the Ninth Convention, they can only receive from their *own Corps President*. This fact is *especially* enjoined upon all.

VI. Delegates and alternates-elect to the Tenth National Convention, who are unable to attend, will notify their Department Secretaries as early as possible, that the vacancy may be properly filled and Departments have full representation. *No vacancies in delegations* can be filled after leaving the territorial limits of the State.

VII. All officers and committees, excepting National Treasurer and National Counselor, will forward their annual reports to the National Secretary not later than July 15.

VIII. Department Chaplains, by act of Ninth National Convention, will forward their reports not later than June 20 to Clara Barton, National Chaplain, "The Oxford," Washington, D. C.

IX. Aides upon the Staff of the National President, who have performed any particular service during the year, will report the same to Carrie C. Tinkham, Chief Aide, Homer, Illinois.

X. All Departments and Detached Corps indebted to the National Treasurer will settle their accounts before July 15. Corps and Department officers will carefully read Sect. 4, Art. IV., Chap. V., Rules and Regulations.

XI. All persons holding accounts contracted under National authority will present the same by June 30.

XII. All Corps desiring to assist in liquidating the debt of the Andersonville prison property must be prompt in their remittances, that Department Treasurers may forward all receipts to National Treasurer by June 30. Corps will send their donations to Department Treasurers.

XIII. All resolutions, recommendations and appeals to be brought before Tenth National Convention must be filed with National Secretary prior to July 15.

XIV. The following decisions have been rendered:—

1. *Question.* What is the limit of time in which an appeal may be taken from a decision rendered by proper authority in the Woman's Relief Corps?

Decision. This is not the first time this question has arisen in the Woman's Relief Corps. In common law, the time ranges from twenty to thirty days. It would be both just and wise to establish a limit of time; and after carefully considering the question in its various phases the following decision is rendered, viz.: An appeal from a decision properly rendered must be made within sixty days.

2. *Question.* When does an appeal end?

Decision. In National Convention. See Chap. V., Art. IV., Rules and Regulations.

3. *Question.* Can a case decided by a National President, without appeal to National Convention, be reopened and investigated by a succeeding National President?

Decision. No. Chap. V., Art. VI., Rules and Regulations, provides that a decision of a National President shall be final, unless reversed by the National Convention. The right of appeal is only to the next higher authority.

4. *Question.* Can an appeal, having been acted upon by a National Convention, be reopened and reviewed by a subsequent National President?

Decision. No. Appeals carried to and acted upon by a National Convention are beyond the jurisdiction of and cannot be renewed by a National President, unless by vote of National Convention they be referred to the incoming National President for action. Cases passed upon by the supreme body can only be opened by petitioning said body assembled to grant the privilege of a rehearing, stating good and sufficient reasons therefor. The Convention will then decide by vote if the case can be reopened and again acted upon.

5. *Question.* Is a member of a Corps out on transfer entitled to a new password? If so, of whom can she receive it?

Decision. A person holding a transfer is not entitled to new password. By act of Ninth Convention "members must secure the password from their Corps President," and can receive it from no other source. Having taken a transfer a person has no Corps, pays no dues and has no President: hence is not entitled to receive a new password.

XV. The following are appointed Special Aides upon the Staff of the National President: —

Special Aides.

MARY E. BRADLEY, Decatur, Ill.

FLO J. MILLER, Monticello, Ill.

DELL A. CLARK, Peoria, Ill.

On Saturday, June 4, occurred the first death in the National W. R. C. Home, Mrs. Almira Hanson, after one year's life of contentment and happiness under our tender care, passed from earth to eternity. The first grave has been filled in our beautiful cemetery grounds at Madison, and the summer birds are chanting the requiem of rest over the lowly mound of one who was faithful to her country.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
National President.

Ella Coburn
National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DELAVER, ILLINOIS, August 20, 1892. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 9.

I. The Tenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet in the City of Washington, D. C., September 21, 1892. The Convention will open promptly at 10 o'clock A.M., at the First Baptist Church, corner of Sixteenth and O Streets. All officers, delegates and members are requested to be present at the sounding of the gavel, in order to save time and avoid unnecessary disturbance during the opening exercises.

II. In order to open the Convention and assume its duties with promptness and despatch, no visitors will be admitted excepting members of the Order during the first session.

III. Department Presidents or chairmen of the delegations are requested to meet at the church at 9 o'clock, September 21, to draw seats for their delegates during the Convention.

IV. National Headquarters have been established at the Ebbitt House, Parlor 332, where all members and friends of the Order will receive a cordial welcome. National Aides are invited to be at Headquarters when convenient to assist in extending courtesies.

V. The Board of Directors of the National W. R. C. Home will meet at National Headquarters Monday evening, September 19, at 7 o'clock.

VI. National Council of Administration will meet at National Headquarters Tuesday, September 20, at 3 o'clock P.M. Let every member be present at the appointed time.

VII. All Department and Provisional Department Presidents are requested to meet at National Headquarters, at the Ebbitt House, Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock prompt.

VIII. Mrs. Mary M. North, 930 F street N. W., Washington, D. C., has been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Accommodations for the Woman's Relief Corps. All applications will receive prompt attention.

IX. Luncheon will be served to all voting members of the Tenth National Convention, between sessions, by the Department of the Potomac, W. R. C., in rooms connected with the church.

X. Owing to the lateness of the Tenth Convention, the National Secretary will send out blanks for the reports of the first quarter of the ensuing year. These reports will be sent to the incoming National Secretary.

XI. The third password issued from National Headquarters was forwarded August 6 to all Department Presidents and Presidents of Detached Corps. Representatives to Tenth National Convention, as well as visiting members, are requested to be sure they are in possession of the same before leaving home, as it can be secured of no one excepting their own Corps President.

XII. It is but just that all delegates to the National Convention should be present during every session, that their respective Departments may be fully represented. Those who desire to avail themselves of the many attractions of our capital city should arrive there a few days previous to the Convention or remain after its close.

XIII. The chairman of each delegation is requested to prepare a correct list of her representatives present and hand the same to the National Secretary during the Wednesday morning session.

APPOINTMENTS.

XIV. Credential Committee: Ella Cobean, Illinois; Mary A. H. Cadden, Maryland; Louise A. Robbins, Michigan; Isabel Kirkendall, Montana; Carrie L. Davis, Kentucky.

Convention Aides: Chief Aide, Louise Schermerhorn; Mary E. Lockwood, Kate Campbell, Lydia A. Barnes, Sarah F. Vandoren, Christine Butcher, Hattie P. Quander, Elizabeth A. Trusler, Ethel Dinsmore, Martha M. Pipes, R. J. Beale, Annie Hamilton, E. B. Sheldon, Mary S. Gist, Augusta Starkey, Marian L. Jordan, Kate McMonigal, Washington, D. C.

Conductors: Chief Conductor, Alice L. Hendricks; Mary E. Fowler, Mary M. Dowling, Isabel M. Long, Emma S. Kibby, Annie Anderson, Rose M. Kennell, Nellie McCabe, Francena Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Sue M. Simpson, Illinois; Hattie B. Murray, Michigan; Julia McCarthy, Kansas; Ada G. Morh, New York.

Guards: Chief Guard, Nellie R. Grant; Jessie Vandoren, E. W. Marshall, Carrie M. King, Gladys L. Thompson, Marion Gregory, Sarah Jacobson, Alice Stewart, Pauline B. Floyd, Emma H. Hunt, Jessie C. Osborn, Washington, D. C.

Postmistress: Eliza P. Watson, Washington, D. C. Assistants: Fannie Miner, Indiana Cowling, E. B. Russell, Maria J. Hall, Jennie C. Adams, Washington, D. C.

Messengers: Lilian Morton, Annie E. Hoagland, Annie M. Layton, Helen Gardner, Rachel Harris, Hannah Greenwood, Washington, D. C.

Pianist: Miss Lena Shepherd, Washington, D. C.

XV. The Chief Conductor will confer with her assistants and assign duties of each.

XVI. The Chief Guard will see that the doors of the Convention hall are strictly guarded from the opening of each day's session to its close.

XVII. Convention Messengers will divide work, if necessary, so that two at least may be on duty during every session.

XVIII. The pianist is expected to be present during the entire Convention, as her services may be needed at any time.

XIX. Owing to circumstances over which the National President had no control, General Orders, No. 9 have been delayed. The official communication under date of July 23 received at National Headquarters from the ladies of the Citizens' Committee of Washington, D. C., giving notice that all cour-

tesies previously extended to the W. R. C. by said committee and accepted by the National President had been voluntarily withdrawn, including hall for holding Convention, necessitated much extra labor and care. In consideration of the above facts, arrangements for the Tenth National Convention have been placed in charge of the Department of the Potomac, W. R. C., which is rapidly and satisfactorily meeting all demands.

XX. The Army Nurse Pension Bill, so long pending, passed the House June 28, the Senate July 26, was signed by President Harrison August 5, 1892, and is now a law. Let us rejoice together that these women have at last received National recognition for their self-sacrificing services during the late war. Though small, \$12 per month will add much comfort to their declining years.

XXI. In closing the last General Orders of this administration, the National President takes pleasure in extending her thanks, with those of her Staff of officers, for the kind and courteous co-operation of the officers and members of the Order during the past year. The pleasant associations that have woven ties of fraternal love will be cherished through life.

By command of

SUE A. PIKE SANDERS,
National President.

Ella Coburn
National Secretary.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

G. A. R.—W. R. C.

(See page 205, Ninth National Journal.)

1883—DENVER, COLO.

ROBERT B. BEATH,
Commander-in-Chief,
Philadelphia, Pa.
J. M. VANDERSLICE,
Adjutant-General,
Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN TAYLOR,
Quartermaster-General,
Philadelphia, Pa.

E. FLORENCE BARKER,
National President,
Malden, Mass.
SARAH E. FULLER,
National Secretary,
Boston, Mass.
LIZABETH A. TURNER,
National Treasurer,
Boston, Mass.

1884—MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

JOHN S. KOUNTZ, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Toledo, O.	KATE B. SHERWOOD, <i>National President,</i> Toledo, O.
W. W. ALCORN, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Toledo, O.	EMMA D. SIBLEY, <i>National Secretary,</i> Toledo, O.
JOHN TAYLOR, <i>Quartermaster-General,</i> Philadelphia, Pa.	LIZABETH A. TURNER, <i>National Treasurer,</i> Boston, Mass.

1885—PORTLAND, ME.

SAMUEL S. BURDETT, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Washington, D.C.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>National President,</i> Boston, Mass.
JOHN CAMERON, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Washington, D.C.	ELEANOR B. WHEELER, <i>National Secretary,</i> Boston, Mass.
JOHN TAYLOR, <i>Quartermaster-General,</i> Philadelphia, Pa.	LIZABETH A. TURNER, <i>National Treasurer,</i> Boston, Mass.

1886—SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Madison, Wis.	ELIZABETH D'ARCY KINNE, <i>National President,</i> San Francisco, Cal.
F. B. GRAY, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Madison, Wis.	NELLIE G. BACKUS, <i>National Secretary,</i> San Francisco, Cal.
JOHN TAYLOR, <i>Quartermaster-General,</i> Philadelphia, Pa.	LIZABETH A. TURNER, <i>National Treasurer,</i> Boston, Mass.

1887—ST. LOUIS, MO.

JOHN P. REA, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Minneapolis, Minn.	EMMA STARK HAMPTON, <i>National President,</i> Detroit, Mich.
DANIEL FISH, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Minneapolis, Minn.	ARMILLA A. CHENEY, <i>National Secretary,</i> Detroit, Mich.
JOHN TAYLOR, <i>Quartermaster-General,</i> Philadelphia, Pa.	LIZABETH A. TURNER, <i>National Treasurer,</i> Boston, Mass.

1888—COLUMBUS, O.

WILLIAM WARNER, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Kansas City, Mo.	CHARITY RUSK CRAIG, <i>National President,</i> Viroqua, Wis.
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Department Secretary,	Emma A. Coomes,	Hartford.
Department Treasurer,	Charlotte E. Wright,	New Haven.

ILLINOIS — 176 CORPS — 5,629 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Sarah E. Hannon,	Cairo.
Department Secretary,	Annie M. Stuart,	Cairo.
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Department President,	Ida S. McBride,	Elkhart.
Department Secretary,	Carrie Harper,	Elkhart.
Department Treasurer,	Mary Tousley,	Elkhart.

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Department Treasurer,	Laura Creighton,	Des Moines.

KANSAS — 247 CORPS — 6,503 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Ida Wilson Moore,	Abilene.
Department Secretary,	Alice M. Seeds,	Abilene.
Department Treasurer,	Frances H. Lund,	Larned.

KENTUCKY — 25 CORPS — 407 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Mary A. Ninekirk,	Louisville.
Department Secretary,	Clara M. Brooks,	Louisville.
Department Treasurer,	Louisa Kern,	Louisville.

MAINE — 48 CORPS — 1,694 MEMBERS.

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Department Secretary,	Margaret C. Hunter,	Cherryfield.
Department Treasurer,	Mabel P. Church,	Cherryfield.

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Department President,	M. A. H. Cadden,	Baltimore.
Department Secretary,	Mary E. Wright,	Baltimore.
Department Treasurer,	Lottie Mackie,	Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS — 146 CORPS — 11,675 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Mary G. Deane,	Fall River.
Department Secretary,	Mary E. Elliot,	Somerville.
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MICHIGAN — 218 CORPS — 7,120 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Cornelia S. Perry,	Bellevue.
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Department Treasurer,	Lina K. Holt,	Bellevue.

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Department President,	Mary E. Leavens,	Faribault.
Department Secretary,	Mary H. Kendall,	Minneapolis.
Department Treasurer,	Lulie A. Becker,	St. Paul.

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Department President,	Agnes C. Sterrett,	St. Joseph.
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Department Treasurer,	Mary H. Shephard,	Brookfield.

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NEW YORK — 162 CORPS — 5,222 MEMBERS.

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Department Secretary,	Elizabeth B. Smith,	Brockport.
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NORTH DAKOTA — 7 CORPS — 203 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Sue R. Caswell,	Grand Forks.
Department Secretary,	Lelia M. O'Neal,	Grand Forks.
Department Treasurer,	Ella M. Sprague,	Grand Forks.

OHIO — 312 CORPS — 11,429 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Anna Opdycke Carroll,	Defiance.
Department Secretary,	Lizzie M. Bowersox,	Defiance.
Department Treasurer,	Anna M. Deatrick,	Defiance.

OREGON — 30 CORPS — 785 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Mary J. Train,	Albany.
Department Secretary,	Alzina Martin,	Albany.
Department Treasurer,	Eliza A. Woodin,	Albany.

PENNSYLVANIA — 150 CORPS — 4,870 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Eva M. Evans,	Lock Haven.
Department Secretary,	Abbie Lynch,	Allegheny.
Department Treasurer,	Martha Sherman,	Kendall Creek.

POTOMAC — 8 CORPS — 482 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Ida V. Hendricks,	Washington, D.C.
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RHODE ISLAND — 15 CORPS — 737 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Emily L. Sibley,	Pawtucket.
Department Secretary,	Julia P. Nason,	Providence.
Department Treasurer,	Ada F. Fisk,	Valley Falls.

SOUTH DAKOTA — 38 CORPS — 781 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Sara E. Holmes,	Plankinton.
Department Secretary,	Agnes Egan,	Plankinton.
Department Treasurer,	Sarah E. Locke,	Plankinton.

TEXAS — 10 CORPS — 247 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Ann E. Knight,	Oak Cliff.
Department Secretary,	Nellie Jones,	Dallas.
Department Treasurer,	Florence E. Myers,	Dallas.

VERMONT — 65 CORPS — 2,283 MEMBERS.

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Department Secretary,	Euloeen M. Eaton,	Montpelier.
Department Treasurer,	Amanda T. Newcomb,	Montpelier.

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Department President,	Lizzie R. Herrick,	Seattle.
Department Secretary,	Mattie E. Ames,	Seattle.
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WISCONSIN — 119 CORPS — 4,008 MEMBERS.

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Department Secretary,	Nellie V. Rhea,	Texarkana.
Department Treasurer,	Cornelia Scott,	Texarkana.

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Department President,	Mary S. McFie,	Las Cruces.
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WEST VIRGINIA — 6 CORPS — 161 MEMBERS.

Department President,	Amanda L. Murdock,	Wheeling.
Department Secretary,	Julia A. Burt,	Wheeling.
Department Treasurer,	Anna D. Carlin,	Wheeling.

DETACHED CORPS.

ARIZONA — 2 Corps — 39 Members.

FLORIDA — 3 Corps — 155 Members.

GEORGIA — 3 Corps — 102 Members.

IDAHO — 3 Corps — 27 Members.

NORTH CAROLINA — 3 Corps — 86 Members.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY — 1 Corps — 11 Members.

SOUTH CAROLINA — 1 Corps — 48 Members.

TENNESSEE — 3 Corps — 69 Members.

UTAH — 3 Corps — 115 Members.

VIRGINIA — 13 Corps — 442 Members.

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